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Live Shell In Exchange

Shanghai, May 21.
A live mortar shell was found in the visitor's gallery. In the Block and Security Exchange this morning and an unconfirmed report said it was accompanied by a note demanding that the Exchange suspend business in 24 hours.
The shell was found when the Exchange opened. Detectives have been assigned to try to run down where the shell came from.
As a result of today's discovery a close check on all persons entering and leaving will be made in future.—United Press.

Sino-Macao Smuggling Agreement

Shanghai, May 21.
Macao authorities will undertake to issue no export licence or permit for shipment to China of goods contained in the Chinese Maritime Customs' list of contraband and articles prohibited or restricted under the foreign trade regulations of the Chinese Government in an anti-smuggling agreement signed between Macao and China yesterday, according to the agreement text released here today.
Macao authorities also agree to prohibit the movement of all cargo during the hours of darkness from 1) Macao to China, except by special arrangement between the Macao authorities and the Commissioner of Customs, and 2) China to Macao, except in case of vessels in distress.
The Portuguese authorities agree to require that masters of all craft clearing for China submit their export manifest to them.
It is agreed that these measures will come into effect five days after the date of enactment by the Macao authorities, or legislation necessary to give them effect.
The agreement was signed by Mr. L. K. Little, Inspector General of the Chinese Maritime Customs, and Governor De Oliveira of Macao, and was concluded after months of negotiations.—Reuter.

DEMOCRAT CHOICE

Philadelphia, May 20.
The Democrats have chosen two Southerners to keynote and provide over their national convention here in July.
The Senate minority leader, Senator Alben Barkley of Kentucky, was selected to deliver the keynote address.
The House minority leader, Rep. Sam Rayburn of Texas, was recommended as the permanent chairman. He will be elected formally at the opening of the convention on July 12.—United Press.

Ho Favoured As New Premier

Nanking, May 21.
General Ho Ying-chin, former Chief of Staff of the Chinese Army, was this morning popularly favoured by Legislative Yuan members as China's new Premier against General Chang Chun, out-going President of the Executive Yuan.
In an advance poll of a representative group of 400 legislators and Kuomintang officials held at the Central Party Headquarters, 250 votes for General Ho, against 94 for Chang Chun.
Determined not to accept the post, Chang Chun left the capital this morning and flew back to his native Szechuan.
Others who received votes today were General Wu Te-cheng, Secretary General of the Kuomintang, 85 votes, Dr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, 55 votes, General Huang Shao-hsiung, former Governor of Chekiang, 55 votes, Minister of Social Affairs, Ku Cheng-kang, four, Dr. Carson Chang, of the Democratic Socialist Party, and Foreign Minister Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, three votes each.
The gathering of the legislators and Kuomintang officials this morning was held under the chairmanship of Dr. Sun Fo, who found out the opinion of the legislators for the benefit of President Chiang Kai-shek before the latter formally appoints a premier.
This appointment is subject to approval by the Legislative Yuan.
Views were exchanged at the conference before the vote was taken, and many legislators voiced the opinion that with the formation of a new Government, new faces and new policies were required. They also expressed their dissatisfaction with Premier Chang Chun's record during the past year.
It is expected that President Chiang will nominate a Premier before the end of the day, and send his choice to the Yuan for approval.—Reuter-AAP.

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JEW'S' BACKS TO WALL Arabs Hold Most Of Jerusalem

Israel Planes Attack Gaza

Cairo, May 21.
The violent battle for the Old Walled City of Jerusalem appeared ended today, with the Arabs claiming 80 percent of the sacred area.
Jews in Tel-Aviv expressed increasing fears. Rabbis ordered prayers for Jerusalem.

The British-trained Arab Legion of Transjordan hurriedly moved to the aid of the Jews, against the last Jewish strongholds in the Holy City.
Haganah and Irgun Zvai Leumi troops were driven back to a thin line of defence along the west side of the Jewish quarter.

They are making a last stand in the Beit Ya'akov of Hurva synagogue, after the Arabs captured the Tiferet Israel synagogue, Jerusalem's tallest structure, to the east.

The Arabs were reported unofficially in Jerusalem to firmly control the Zion Gate, which 100 Jews had taken on Wednesday night.

Outside the Old Walled City, Arab Legion thrust from the north limits down the Ramallah road to the Damascus Gate. They were trying also to clear the Jews from Allenby Square, opposite the gate. Haganah still held the railroad station.

Serious Blow

Jewish mortar fire turned on the Damascus and Herod's gates. The Arabs held nearly every-thing north and east of the walls except Mount Scopus.
The loss of Jerusalem would be a serious blow to the Jews. Defence forces were estimated by the Arabs to number 5,000, a considerable chunk of the army of Israel, estimated at about 50,000. Besides, 90,000 Jewish civilians are in the city, which stands as a great road block on the main highway between the west and north-south supply lines.

Jewish planes attacked the Arabs in the Gaza coastal area south of Tel-Aviv and at Shufat, north of Jerusalem. Egyptian planes raided Tel-Aviv four times yesterday and the Jews indignantly said four British Spitfire fighters flew over the capital during one of the attacks. The Jews bombed Samakh, south of the Sea of Galilee.—Associated Press.

London, May 20.
Exchange Telegraph reported tonight from Athens that Henry Grady, present United States Ambassador to India, has been nominated Ambassador to Greece. The Greek government has agreed to the nomination.—United Press.

Gold Thieves' Success

Bangkok, May 21.
Official sources said tonight in Siam's "great gold robbery" had apparently successfully smuggled US\$2,000,000 of the US\$3,000,000 loot to safety abroad.

An international gold shipment of US\$3,000,000 en route to Bangkok airport for shipment to Macao was hijacked by armed men on May 12. One million later was recovered.
Premier Pibul Songgram told the Associated Press that he believed the remainder of the gold had been melted down and unlikely to be recovered.

The newspaper Liberty said a Siam Army Lieutenant-Colonel escaped across the Cambodian border with 1,400 kilograms of gold. The paper said it now was safely hidden in a Cambodian town.

It said the Colonel loaded the gold on a truck immediately after the robbery and drove a break-neck speed across the border before the police there was notified.
Premier Pibul said he expected all five criminals involved would be captured, although the gold might not be recovered. The chief inspector of Bangkok's northern district was arrested yesterday. He was the 23rd person held.
Pibul blamed the gold shippers for not getting a police body-guard for the shipment.—Associated Press.

DEMAND FOR ARMS

Washington, May 21.
The State Department said "practically every country" is trying to buy arms from the United States.

Press Officer Lincoln White made the remark in confirming reports that Norway and Denmark have asked for U.S. military equipment. Both nations have been targets of recent Russian press criticism.
White declined to identify the other applicants. He said all want to buy arms rather than obtain them under some form of lendlease.

White said military authorities would decide whether the U.S. has sufficient arms to export and whether it is in the interest of the U.S. to respond to pleas of each particular nation.

The arms disclosure came as peace exchanges between the Soviet and America appeared to be crumbling into the same kind of deadlock that has blocked progress on all other issues between the two poles.—Associated Press.

LANTAO SWEEP

The prize money of \$975,519 on sweep ticket No. 1159337, which drew the first prize in the Lantao Handicap on May 15, was unconcernedly reported to have been paid to a Chinese who gave his name as Fong Chak-lam late yesterday afternoon.

MOSCOW BROADCASTS TO JAPAN

Tokyo, May 21.
With the slip of a switch today Japanese with ordinary priced radio can get the Moscow view on what's doing in Nippon and around the world. And more Japanese are flipping those switches.

Five times daily Russia beams Japanese language broadcast to Nippon, sending Kremlin's interpretation of the day's happenings, either direct from Moscow or by relay through Khabarovsk or Komolsk.

Broadcasts come via powerful transmitters on short and medium waves. They could be picked up easily on the former, but with some difficulty on the latter.
Kremlin's strident views are voiced by both men and women who speak excellent colloquial Japanese and understandable to anyone with a working knowledge of this language.

Chengteh Siege Begins

Shanghai, May 21.
With Government positions continuing to deteriorate, General Fan Han-chieh, Deputy Commander-in-Chief in Manchuria, is rushing his best mechanized forces from the Manchurian corridor to reinforce hard-pressed Nationalist troops in southern Jehol, according to Government despatches today.

Luanping, 10 miles west of Jehol's provincial capital of Chengteh, is reported to have fallen after two days of fighting, while a despatch from the independent Tai Kung Pao from Chengteh said that Communist columns had reached a point only seven miles from the city and are now digging in for the siege.

With the Communists virtually at the gates of the city, Chengteh authorities have issued a general mobilization order under which all able-bodied men and women may be recruited for defence duties.

In Hopei province, the Communists, after disrupting the Peiping-Kalgan, and Peiping-Chengteh railways, are now attacking the Peiping-Mukden railway between Tangshan, 65 miles northeast of Tientsin, and Shanhaikuan, and have already cut the line at several points, according to Chinese reports.

In North Hupeh, Communist columns, which captured the cities of Laohokow and Kwang-hua, are claimed in semi-official reports to be facing total annihilation as two powerful Nationalist columns are converging on the area from the north and south.

The Air Transport Command in Nanking, meanwhile, announced the purchase of 12 American transport planes to expedite the airlifting of food supplies to isolated Mukden.
It reported that with this addition to its present fleet of transports, a regular schedule of 90 flights daily can be maintained to Mukden from North China cities.

Since the severance of rail communications by the Communists some months ago, Mukden has been converted into the largest air transport terminal in China, with an average of 30 planes landing at its airfield daily.—Reuter.

Seized Opium Dumped

The third and biggest dumping yet at sea of confiscated opium, valued at more than half a million dollars, took place yesterday afternoon outside the harbour. Mr. Lock of the Imports & Exports Department, was in charge of the operation.

A Revenue Department launch left the quay at 2 p.m. carrying 4,302 tals of raw and prepared opium, valued at about \$520,000, and returned three hours later, escorted by a gunboat. Some 10 pressmen witnessed the dumping.

Yesterday's disposal brought the total post-war dumping of opium to 8,897 tals, valued at \$1,007,940. The first dumping totalled 3,859 tals and the second, 1,166 tals.

Rio de Janeiro, May 20.
It was officially stated today that Senator Luis Correa de Castro, the Brazilian Finance Minister, who recently resigned, is to continue in office after an appeal by the President of Brazil, General Getulio Vargas.—Reuter.

PICTURE OF THE DAY

Beating The Bounds



The ancient custom of Beating The Bounds dates from Anglo-Saxon times when maps were rare and it was customary once a year to perambulate the boundaries of a parish, on Ascension Day or during Rogation Week. Picture above shows the beating of the bounds of the Tower of Liberty at the Tower of London.

FEAR AND TREMBLING OVER ATOM JUSTIFIED

Edinburgh, May 21.
Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said today that the world regards with "fear and trembling" the scientific achievements to be used for the destruction of our civilisation.

"Nor is such fear unjustified in the present world," he told the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

"The year 1948 has been marked by a deepening moral crisis in the world, and I feel convinced, by a fuller and wider realisation of its implications.

"The very scientific achievement which we ought to welcome for the benefit they can bring to mankind in easing his burden of labour, as, for example, the fusion of atom, we are forced to regard with fear and trembling.

"The tragedy lies not in what we have been able to achieve but in our inability to assert our spiritual control over our material surroundings."

Material Progress

He said mankind progressed slowly towards a "happier and fuller life" which can be found surely only upon our spiritual freedom.

At the same time he said mankind advanced far more rapidly along the path of material progress.

"Not only have we thus become more materially minded but we have developed new forces which made it possible for a comparatively few individuals to control and dominate whole nations or for one nation, by its material strength and the fear which it strikes into its neighbours, to conquer and enslave others.

SOUTH KOREAN US DEPENDANTS TO GO HOME

Seoul, May 21.
The United States Army has started the evacuation of dependants, wives and children of American personnel as preparation for a possible withdrawal of the occupation forces in Korea, it was officially announced today.
The announcement said the dependants were being evacuated as "rapidly as possible" and a spokesman said all would leave by about August 1.

The operation will streamline the American forces for withdrawal after the establishment of the Korean Government elected in the May 10 balloting in Southern Korea.
It was said that officers and non-combatants who are eligible for rotation in the next three months will be speeded home, probably within two weeks.
Civilian women employees of the Army Department also will be sent home unless their jobs are considered essential.
Army wives and children now in Southern Korea total 2,310, some 165 less than a month ago. It was pointed out that the United Nations recommended troops withdrawal within 90 days after the new government starts functioning.

It was said that moving women at the same time as the army would cause considerable drag on ship-movements as most of them have furniture.

It was disclosed that plans for evacuation of the army itself have been submitted to Washington which has not yet decided on the future of the occupation forces.

Red Demands

It was indicated that the Washington decision may be determined by the trend of international

politics and the manner in which the South Korean government carries out its responsibilities.

The Communists have been demanding for some time the withdrawal of the United States troops. Only this week in an exchange of open letters with Henry Wallace, Premier Stalin said the withdrawal of the occupation forces from Korea would speed world peace.

At present the American forces are equalling with the Communist-dominated North Korean government over electricity. Power from North Korea was shut off after the Communists charged the United States with failure to pay for electricity used.

The United States countered with claims it was not able to produce the goods the Communists demanded in payment fast enough.—United Press.

Japanese To Build Big Ships

Tokyo, May 21.
Japanese ship-building yards will soon begin construction of 15 ships ranging from 18,000-ton merchantmen to whale catchers, it was reliably reported today.

The ships will be built to the order of the United States, the Philippines, Norway, Denmark and Switzerland. Technicians have already arrived in Japan from Norway and Denmark to supervise the construction of the ships to required specifications, and others are expected soon.
The Japanese Government approved construction of the ships and a contract will be signed as soon as the approval has been given by General MacArthur's Headquarters.

The ships will include two 18,000-ton merchantmen for Norway, two 18,000-ton tankers for the United States, two 10,000-ton merchantmen for the Philippines, one 16,000-ton merchantman, one 9,000-tonner and five other ships for other countries, including Switzerland.

A spokesman at General MacArthur's Headquarters confirmed that many applications to have ships built in Japanese shipyards had been received from foreign countries, the total being about 40. No final decision has been signed, because available materials had to be considered.—Reuter.

Alarmed At Jap Prospects

Seattle, May 21.
Mr. Fraser Bailey, President of the National Federation of American shipping, has expressed alarm at the possibility of Japan regaining her prewar position in the shipping world.

He said that American ship-owners were greatly disturbed to find that a group of businessmen who conducted a survey at the request of the War Department, recommended the immediate expansion of the Japanese merchant fleet.

Mr. Bailey said that the Federation has asked the War Department whether there had been any change in the American policy regarding the part the Japanese merchant marine should play in future world affairs.
It had also requested an opportunity to express the industry's viewpoint if a policy change was contemplated.

According to the Japanese press on Wednesday, the Draper mission which recently investigated the ways of making Japanese economy self-sufficient had recommended that Japan should be encouraged to increase her merchant shipping both by new building and by chartering.—Reuter.

DOCTORS MOBILISED

Cairo, May 20.
Doctors and chemists of all nationalities practising in Egypt were called upon by a military proclamation tonight to report within three days to the Ministry of Health for possible service with the Egyptian Army.
Another proclamation called upon engineers and craftsmen to report to the Public Ministry for the same purpose.—Reuter.

British Claim Rejected

London, May 20.
Russia has rejected Britain's claim for compensation for the loss of British lives when a British fighter collided and crashed near Berlin on April 5.
In a note just received, Russia put forward a counter claim for compensation, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.—Reuter.

Morrison Defends Lords

Scarborough, May 21.
Herbert Morrison, the Labour Government's Deputy Prime Minister, defended Britain's House of Lords today, but suggested there should be some changes made.

Sixteen years after the Labour Party voted for abolition of the House of Lords, he told the Party's annual conference here the present Labour Government has decided such a step would be unwise.

Without a vote after hearing Morrison, the conference dwelt on a resolution expressing alarm over reports the Labour Government plans to support a Conservative plan for remodelling the House of Lords on a permanent basis.

Such, said Morrison, is not the case—the Government intends to go ahead with its own measure to cut in half the Peer's present power to delay passage of legislation for two years. Moreover, he said, it intends to pursue its study of long-range revision of the House of Lords.

He said, however, the House of Lords has proved "useful" in taking part of the law-making load off the House of Commons.—Associated Press.

The Weather

A ridge of high pressure from the Pacific anticyclone extends across Japan to a moderate anticyclone over W. Central China.

A trough of low pressure stretches from Siam across Southern China into the Eastern Sea whilst another trough extends southwards from the depression over Manchuria into the Yellow Sea.
Today's Forecast—Light or moderate S. to S.W. winds, becoming cloudy towards dawn with some scattered showers developing and improving to fair or fine during the day.

Yesterday's Weather:
Maximum: 90.7 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 77.5 deg. Fah.
Rainfall: 11.2 mm.
Rainfall: Trace, Total since Jan. 1—10.4 mm.
Average of 47.0 mm.—11.8 mm.
Readings at:
10 a.m. 4 p.m.
Baro. at m.s.l. 1010.7 1009.5 m.m.
Equival. 29.94 29.89 inches.
Rel. Humidity 77 82 %
Sunshine 7.5 deg. Fah.
Wind Direction W WSW
Wind Force 4 6 knots.
Tides—
High 0558 6.7
Low 2208 5.0
40 N 0210 5.7
40 S 0212 5.1
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Extradition Case

COMPANY'S DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING EXCHANGE

At the resumption of extradition proceedings against Hsu Chi-chung, alias Chu Kai-chong, former director-general of the Postal Remittance and Savings Bank, on a charge of defrauding the Government of CN\$2,850,000,000, at Central yesterday, a prosecution witness Ho Ka-yu, sub-manager of the Shanghai Branch, was further cross-examined by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, K.C., representing the fugitive, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva.

Ho Ka-yu, asked whether the transaction was an advance against insufficient margin, said that in this case there was no margin mentioned and none was paid in.

The US\$50,000 and \$200,000 in the Central Bank were according to the contract regarded as a pledge. He did not agree that the business was done in the same way as an ordinary letter of credit. The difference was that the money was not drawn on any foreign bank but paid by the Central Bank.

The account mentioned the previous day was in the United States and under the direct control of the Central Bank. It was true that any drawing was only with the consent and knowledge of the Central Bank up to the time a circular had been sent out requiring the Banks to declare their holdings of foreign exchange.

In reply to Mr. d'Almada, witness said that a transaction of US\$1,200,000 was not a daily occurrence. In fact, it was exceptional, and was a matter that required serious consideration. He did not know who the director of the Central Bank was at the time and he did not know that the director had direct telephonic communication with the Premier. The head of the Executive Yuan at the time was Dr. T. V. Soong.

Soong Statement

Mr. d'Almada then asked witness how Powell and Sons could have repaid their account of US\$175,000 in compliance with the regulations contained in the circular to the banks and was told that this could be done by payment in foreign exchange.

Mr. d'Almada then referred witness to a statement by Dr. T. V. Soong to the Banks and said that it made it impossible to get foreign exchange.

Crown Counsel, Mr. A. Lonsdale, re-examined witness at length, verifying foreign exchange regulations. Witness said that he knew of the suspension of the Food Conservation Bonds when he tried to cash some bonds for a friend with the Bank on Dec. 23, 1946. The bonds would mature in 1952.

All the bonds in general were drawn because they would not mature until 1952, and generally they could only be drawn twice a year.

Describing the procedure of obtaining foreign exchange, witness said the application should be made through the Postal Bank to the Central Bank. It would go direct to the Central Bank and not to the Director-General, where the officials were the same as those dealing in foreign exchange.

Referred to a Book of Circulars concerning National Trade Regulations, witness said it was sent to the Bank when the Bank was appointed as one of the Government Banks. There was no regulation regarding loan of foreign exchange, but there was one section which dealt with foreign exchange transaction.

The Bank would refuse to accept any transaction which would not be covered by the regulations, witness declared.

The contract for advance against documentary bills, referred to in Court as Exhibit O, witness said, was a loan to be repaid within 30 days between Powell and Sons and the Postal Bank. It was approved by the Director-General. The money was not paid within that period, witness added.

Outstanding Debt

Powell and Sons had an outstanding debt of US\$175,000, with the Bank. The company could not get any more foreign exchange from the central Bank to pay its debts because previously it had mentioned in an application that it had US\$304,000 cash. The only source for the company was the black market, witness said.

RIP KIRBY



Dr. Gawne Defends Driver

Dr. D. W. C. Gawne gave evidence in favour of defendant at Central yesterday when Cheung Ki, a car cleaner was charged with driving witness's car without his permission, and driving without a licence.

On the morning of May 20 defendant was seen driving car No. 1319 from the Statue Square opposite the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank to the Hong Kong Club in Connaught Road. He was followed, but he escaped, leaving behind a peak cap and a badge with Cheung Ki, watchman No. 8 inscribed thereon. Defendant later reported to the police that his cap had been stolen and was arrested.

Dr. Gawne stated that on the morning in question he was in a hurry and parked his car in the wrong place. He said that in fact defendant was trying to save him by parking his car somewhere else. The key was returned to him and he was told where the car was parked.

Defendant was found guilty on the first charge and fined \$55, but was acquitted on the second as he had a learner's licence.

Police Rec. Club Revived

Rehabilitation of the Police Recreation Club at Happy Valley has started and it is hoped that the club will be opened to members early in July.

With the exception of all wood-work the Club is in a reasonably good state of repair. The ground is in a bad condition and a considerable work will have to be done on reurfing and fencing. The ground is well patronised by youngsters and adults playing miniature football or bicycling.

At a general meeting held last week Mr. J. Shepherd was elected chairman of the Club. The other officials are F. Penfold (Treasurer and Bar Convenor), Mr. R.B. Davies (Hon. Secretary), Messrs. Pilkington, Hayward and Dewar (committee members).

It is understood that the Committee will decide on laying out a permanent lawn bowls green at the corner of the ground. In the past the "bunks" had to be pulled down each winter to accommodate other sports.

There are a number of Police lawn bowlers in the Colony at present playing for different clubs in the League.

Enquiries about the Civil Service Recreation Club revealed that the Committee has not been the rehabilitation of the Club and grounds. It is not expected that the club will be ready till the Autumn.

HARD LABOUR FOR ARMED ROBBERS

Found guilty by a jury on two charges of armed robbery, Lai Kam-pui and Leung Fai were yesterday sentenced by Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge), to 12 years' hard labour and 10 years' hard labour respectively.

Mr. Justice Gould also made an order that each accused be given 12 strokes of the cane. Chiu Chu, who had pleaded guilty to the same charges and to possession of a dagger, was sentenced to 10 years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane. Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Insp. J. M. Forrest, conducted the case for the prosecution.

The armed robberies took place at 184 Portland Street, Ground Floor, on Feb. 10, and 398 Battery Street, 2nd floor, on Mar. 17.

Lai and Leung alleged that they were beaten by the Police into making confessions that they took part in the robberies.

Russians Denied Entry

Frankfurt, May 20. Members of the Soviet Mission were denied the use of American zonal border crossing points under an order issued today by the American Deputy Military Governor, Major-General George Hayes.

The order will in effect channel all official Russian travel through the Helmsdorf crossing point on the British-Russian zonal boundary.

Diocesan Missionary Meeting

The annual general meeting of the Victoria Diocesan Missionary Association was held yesterday afternoon in St. John's Hall under the chairmanship of Bishop Hall.

A notable visitor at the meeting was Bishop Curtis from Hanchow, Chekiang Province, who gave a brief account of post-war work in his diocese.

Bishop Hall, after calling upon the meeting to adopt the report and accounts for the past year and the budget for the current year, reviewed VDMA activities during the past year, especially in the rural districts, and said the aim of the Association is to make the different villages self-supporting, and to render help where help was needed.

Mrs. D. Davos was elected Hon. Secretary, and Mr. B.C.B. Borge, Hon. Treasurer for the current year.

Appears Six Times: Case Dismissed

"I can see no possible reason for granting another adjournment," said Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday in granting the application of Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ for the dismissal of eight summonses taken out by Mr. Marcus da Silva, on behalf of Chan Mee-chun, Yun Kwai-chi, and Tsang Chi-ping, married women, against Ho Mi-mi, married woman, of 3 Hankow Road, third floor.

The complaints alleged an overcharge of rent in respect of the three complainants, failing to give notice to Chan and Yun in respect of rents payable by them, failing to issue rent receipts to Chan and Yun, and failing to affix a notice in a conspicuous position.

As neither the solicitor for the complainants nor the complainants were present when the case was called, Mr. Russ applied for the summonses to be dismissed.

He pointed out to the Court that the summonses had been adjourned five times, and that those in respect of the rents collected from Yun Kwai-chi and Tsang Chi-ping were out of the date as the alleged offences were stated to have been committed on Oct. 23 last and Nov. 25 last, respectively.

Defence counsel said that it was most unfair on defendant that after proceedings of the present nature were taken against her to be told to "come back and back" (Mr. Blair-Kerr: "I agree.")

Continuing, Mr. Russ said that it was not a criminal action taken by the Police where time was required to complete inquiries, but were simply summonses taken out as the result of quarrels between the complainants and defendants.

Defendant pointed out defence counsel had to get special leave on all the six occasions (including the present) she had to appear in Court, and his instructions were to apply for the dismissal of the complaints.

After having been informed by the Kowloon Magistracy Chief Clerk that yesterday's date was fixed with Mr. Silva's clerk to suit the convenience of Mr. Silva, the Magistracy granted the defence application.

Addressing Mr. Silva's clerk, the Magistrate said that the non-appearance of Mr. Silva placed the Court in an awkward position, and that in view of the strenuous opposition of defence counsel to another adjournment he had no option but to dismiss all the summonses.

BY ALEX RAYMOND



JAPS ON TRIAL FOR MISSIONARY'S MURDER

The murder of the Rev. Leonard Kentish, an Australian missionary, on Dobo, Aroo Islands, on the evening of Feb. 5, 1943, in a Japanese cemetery beside a bomb crater was recalled yesterday before the Australian War Crimes Court when court martial proceedings against three Japanese were begun.

The accused are Sagelima Mangan, a warrant officer of the Imperial Japanese Navy, commanding 24 Naval Base Force at Dobo, Hayama Kenzo, serving under Mangan's command as Chief Petty Officer, and Kohama Shosuke, civilian administrator attached to the Imperial Japanese Navy Base at Dobo.

Major A. Mackay, Australian Div. SCAP (GHQ) Tokyo, is prosecuting, while Mr. Kukehi Masao, Judge of the Circuit Court in Japan, represents the accused with Capt. Wogan-Brown sitting as Advisory Officer.

The Court comprises Lt.-Col. F.G.B. Pullen (President), Major J. K. Lloyd, Major N. F. Quinlan and Capt. M. Tindale.

In his opening address, Major Mackay said: "I ask the Court to cast its mind back to a day about Jan. 22, 1943, and see IMAS 'Patrician' (Cm) patrolling off the coast of Arnhem Island, Northern Australia. Taking passage on the ship at this time was the Rev. Leonard Kentish, an Australian missionary, who conducted the Australian Methodist Overseas Mission station on South Goulburn Island, just off the coast of Arnhem Island.

Ship Sank

"From out of the blue suddenly appeared a Japanese float plane, which attacked the ship, and sank it after a brief encounter.

"The survivors of the ship swam around clinging to the wreckage, when the plane landed on the water nearby and made prisoner Rev. Kentish. The plane duly returned to its base on Dobo in the Aroo Islands, and the Rev. Kentish was there confined in a cell at the Civil Administration Unit."

"Soon after his imprisonment at Dobo the Rev. Kentish was interrogated by Shosuke and others in an attempt to obtain intelligence information. However, it appears that owing to the language barrier and other difficulties the interrogation was not particularly successful.

"The heavy Allied bombing of Dobo at this time forced the evacuation of the seaplane unit on or about Feb. 2, 1943 when the prisoner was passed to the custody of Mangan."

"Further heavy Allied bombings of the island on Feb. 3, 4 and 5 caused great destruction, and inflicted severe casualties on personnel under the command of Mangan, and as a result the accused, Shosuke, was consulted regarding the fate of the prisoner."

"Shosuke agreed to Mangan's suggestion to have the prisoner executed and arrangements were made accordingly."

"Kenzo was nominated as executioner by Mangan, and on the evening of Feb. 5, 1943, the Rev. Kentish was taken to the Japanese cemetery at the rear of the Dobo jail, blindfolded by Kenzo, and made to kneel beside a bomb crater."

"Mangan then ordered the Petty Officer Kenzo to behead the missionary, and Shosuke then offered his sword and requested that it be used for the execution."

Not Kentish

"Besides the victim, the three accused were the only persons present at the scene of the execution, and as neither Mangan nor Kenzo were wearing swords, the offer was accepted, and Kenzo then decapitated the Rev. Kentish with one stroke of the sword."

Defence counsel informed the four-man tribunal that the second and third accused would not give evidence.

In the witness box, Mangan, first accused, giving evidence in chief, admitted that they had a European prisoner in February 1943 at Dobo. The man was not the Rev. Leonard Kentish.

When shown a picture of the alleged victim which had been identified by one of the Prosecution's affidavits, Mangan asserted

EXTORTION CHARGE

A total of one year and three months' hard labour was imposed on Hui Wing Kai, 34, when he appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of demanding money with menaces from Sui Wah and impersonating a revenue officer on May 15 at Morrison Street.

Insp. H. Brownrigg said that defendant asked complainant, an unlicensed hawk selling cigarettes, to the H. and E. Office as he was going to charge him with hawking without a licence. Defendant asked for money and said that he would give him face and let him go if he paid.

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NOTICE**CARDINAL SPELLMAN RECEPTION.**

A Tea Reception will be given by the Right Rev. H. Valtorta, Bishop of Hong Kong, on the First Floor of the Hong Kong Hotel at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 27th May, in honour of His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, and his party, who will be passing through Hong Kong on their return from the centenary celebrations of the Melbourne Diocese. All who wish to attend are requested to write informing the Secretary, Reception Committee, Catholic Centre, King's Building, Connaught Road Central, before noon on Monday, 24th May.

As accommodation is limited, admission will be by ticket only. Tickets will be issued in the order in which applications are received.

BRITISH OBLIGATIONS TO ARAB COUNTRIES

Military Aid Under Treaties

Jewish Attack On Arms Embargo

(By Reuters Diplomatic Correspondent)

London, May 20.

Britain's decision to oppose in the Security Council the United States resolution, declaring the existence of a breach of peace in Palestine, has been very largely influenced by unwillingness to cease military assistance to the invading Arab States under the terms of the treaties with Egypt, Iraq and Transjordan, diplomatic quarters in London considered today.

Two days ago, a Foreign Office statement on Britain's obligations to Transjordan made it clear that British arms and officers and financial subsidy will continue unless or until such action was declared illegal by the United Nations.

The possibility that such a declaration would follow from action under Article 39 of the United Nations Charter does not seem specifically to have been mentioned in the Security Council last night.

"Security" Employees Screened

London, May 20.

The Government is sticking to its decision not to allow its employees in "security" posts who are accused of being Communists or Fascists, to have the help of a trade union representative when appearing before the three advisers appointed to investigate appeals.

The procedure for such cases, officially disclosed tonight, lays down that a civil servant finally considered unreliable will be given work not connected with the security of the State.

If that is impossible, he will be dismissed, unless he accepts the option of resigning. On receiving the advisers' report, the Minister of the Government department concerned will, if he decides to uphold his original decision, give the civil servant an opportunity of making representations to himself or his representative before action is finally taken.—Reuters.

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San Diego, May 20.

Mr. Henry Wallace, third party candidate for the United States Presidency, said here that if it would help the cause of peace he would visit Marshal Stalin.—Reuters.

Hopkins Picked For President

Washington, May 20.

The late President Franklin D. Roosevelt was reported today to have picked Harry L. Hopkins—White House intimate for 12 years—to succeed him as President in 1940.

This report was published in Colliers Magazine in the first of a series of articles by Robert Sherwood, playwright, based on Hopkins' personal papers. Sherwood, a friend of Hopkins, was also a White House confidante in the last years of the Roosevelt Administration. Sherwood said that Roosevelt and Hopkins talked over the idea in an "extraordinary private conversation in the White House in the spring of 1938."

He said the plan to put Hopkins in the White House in 1940 fell through and Roosevelt went ahead with plans to seek an unprecedented third term. He said that Roosevelt definitely ruled out several others who had been mentioned as Presidential hopefuls in 1940, including Cordell Hull, then Secretary of State, Henry Wallace then Secretary of Agriculture, Harold Ickes, then Secretary of the Interior, and Frank Murphy, then governor of Michigan.—United Press.

British Aid Criticised

Paris, May 20.

The Conservative Paris newspaper, Le Monde, today criticised Britain for "helping the Arab forces in the Middle East."

"This game must stop in the interests of peace," the paper declared. "Mr. Bevin," it added, "has never concealed—at least since entering the Foreign Office—that in the conflict between the Jews and Arabs, the sympathies of the Labour Government are rather with the latter." "Released from their mandate," the British authorities, may henceforth extend their aid openly to the Arabs.—Reuters.

Jap Coal Industry Loss

Tokyo, May 21.

Strikes and sabotage in Japan's coal industry resulted in the loss of 380,000 tons of coal during April and May, the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Chozaburo Mizutani, said yesterday.

Addressing a conference to increase coal production, he said their were two requirements—elimination of labour unrest and the fixing of a reasonable price for coal—which should be realised. The conference was also attended by Mr. William S. Vaughan, chief of SCAP's Industrial Division, who emphasized that attainment of the 30 million ton coal production goal for this year was essential for the rehabilitation of Japanese economy.—Reuters.

London, May 20. Two Royal physicians attended measles-stricken Princess Margaret today, but her condition was described as "so normal that no bulletins will be issued."—Associated Press.

Red Ban Contemplated

Tokyo, May 21.

The Japanese Government is contemplating the banning of all Communists from official positions, Prime Minister Hiroshi Ashida told the Lower House Foreign Affairs Committee yesterday.

Mr. Ashida said he thought any persons affiliated with the Communist Party should be prohibited from holding public posts, regardless of other considerations, but added that the Government had not yet reached a decision. The Prime Minister also advocated that appropriate legal measures be taken to prevent labour union activities from falling under the influence of political parties.—Reuters.

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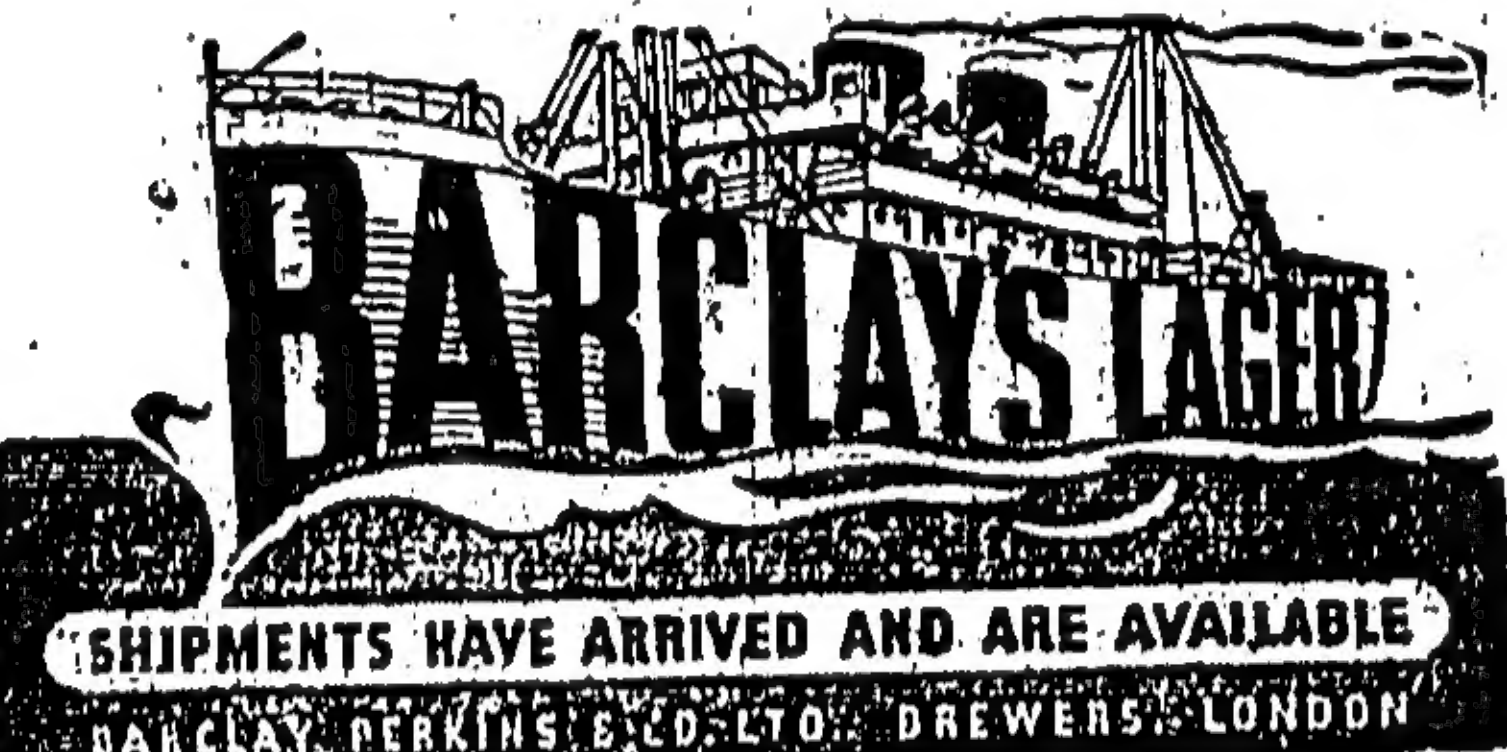
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CENTRAL VIETNAM HOPES OF FOREIGN RECOGNITION

General Xuan Asks Dominion Status

RAF WAR ACE DEAD IN ROME CRASH

Rome, May 20. A man believed to be one of the last war's most famous aces, George "Screwball" Beurling, a Canadian, was killed today with an English companion when a plane, which they were flying, crashed in flames at Rome airport.

Rome police identified the body as that of George Beurling, 28 years old, and Jewish sources later said he was the Canadian ace who shot down 31 enemy aircraft during the war, winning his greatest fame in the defence of Malta.

The Englishman who died in the crash was identified as Leonard Cohen, 29 years old, of Liverpool.

It was known here that the two men were making for Palestine. The plane had been flown in from Nice on the way to Palestine, and it was reported that Beurling borrowed it from the pilot for a short flight over the field.

It was learned authoritatively tonight that Beurling signed, up several weeks ago, with a private Jewish group for service in Palestine.—Reuter.

REQUISITIONS FOR AID TO CHINA

Washington, May 20. Economic Cooperation officials said today that they have just finished preparing requisitions for \$13,500,000 worth of cereals and rice to be shipped to China under the new aid programme for that country.

Requisitions will soon be issued for petroleum and cotton to be shipped under the initial authorization providing \$36,500,000 out of a total of \$463,000,000 voted by the Congress for Chinese aid.

Officials said the first efforts are directed toward getting food movements started, since that is the most urgent phase of the China programme. They said they believed that action could be taken quickly enough to keep the pipeline to China filled.

China at present is receiving remnants of the interim United States aid of \$45,000,000 which was voted to tide her over until the ECA programme could be made ready. The officials said that procurement has been finished on "practically all" of the \$45,000,000 programme. They said that out of \$30,000,000 in this programme allotted for the purchase of cereals and rice for China, \$33,000,000 worth has actually been shipped and all the rest has been bought and is ready for shipment which will be made later this month and early July.

Five million and five hundred thousand dollars of the \$45,000,000 programme was allotted to medical supplies and so far only

\$250,000 has been shipped due to difficulties of finding exactly the items desired.

Officials said, however, that the remaining \$5,250,000—worth of other medical supplies should be shipped soon.

Pesticides and sprayers valued at \$870,000 and \$127,000 worth of hybrid corn seed provided in the interim programme have all been shipped.

The initial authorization of \$36,500,000 under the new ECA programme was divided as follows: cereals and rice \$13,500,000, cotton \$13,000,000, petroleum \$8,000,000, fertilizers \$1,500,000 and reserve \$500,000.—United Press.

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H. 10 7 4
D. K 9 8 6
C. Q 10 3

S. 10 5
H. Q 9 8 3
D. A 5
C. 9 8 0 4

S. J 9 2
H. K 8 5
D. Q 4 3 2
C. K J 7

S. A K Q 8 4
H. A J 2
D. J 10 7
C. A 6

(Dealer: East. North-South vulnerable.)
East South West North
Pass 1 S Pass Pass
2 D 2 S Pass 3 S
Pass 4 S
East later regretted deeply that he had not passed the 1-Spade, but his side had a part score of 80, and that lured him, in the hope that West had passed almost enough to bid.

In response to the diamond call, West led the A. But when he got the 2 from East and South played the J, West switched to the club 4. The 10 from dummy brought forth the J and A. Thereupon the declarer, "Fenton" Thurmond, declared "Fenton" Thurmond.

Approval Given By Bao Dai

Saigon, May 20. General Nguyen Van Xuan, the newly-elected Prime Minister of the Central Vietnam Government, revealed today that he would shortly ask for the recognition of his Government by foreign powers.

At a press conference following today's elections, General Xuan expressed the hope that the French Government would provide this recognition "within several days."

In regard to the unified Vietnam Government's position towards France, the Premier said he hoped France would permit the new State to have consular agents, in return for which Vietnam would agree to be represented by the same Consuls abroad as France.

The new Vietnam Cabinet will be formed in June, General Xuan declared.

"I plan to leave next Tuesday for Hong Kong to present the list of Ministers to Bao Dai," he said.

The proclamation of the new Government, he added, would be made in Hue, capital of the Empire of Annam, in the Throne Room. Bao Dai, the ex-Emperor of Annam, will not himself attend these ceremonies.

However, the forthcoming meeting between General Xuan, Bao Dai and M. Emile Bollaert, the French High Commissioner for Indo-China, will take place shortly afterwards.

The meeting of the three statesmen, it was understood, will be arranged immediately following negotiations between M. Bollaert and General Xuan in the Bay of Along, where an agreement is to be signed on the status of the new Central Indo-Chinese Government. Bao Dai is not expected to sign this agreement.

General Xuan further disclosed that the present Cochinchina Government would be transformed into an administrative committee, headed by M. Tran Van Huu, its current Vice-President.

Hope was also expressed by General Xuan that France would include within the Constitution of the French Union the term "associated states and allied states."

Dominion Status
"Vietnam would thus obtain a status similar to that of a Dominion," he stated.

Meanwhile, Bao Dai, in a message addressed to the new Premier, gave his full approbation to the "de facto" Vietnamese Government.

"The constitution of the Provisional Central Vietnam Government marks the first step toward resolving the Vietnam problem with regard to France and international opinion."

"The people have asked me to come back to power, but I feel that under the present circumstances this would be of no benefit to the country," Bao Dai said.

The ex-Emperor's approval was expected to enable General Xuan to obtain the joint support in future of delegates from the three provinces—Annam, Tonkin and Cochinchina—of Indo-China. "I wish to assure you of the collaboration of your compatriots who will do all they can to facilitate the progress of this task dedicated to the best interests of the country and the people," the message said.—Reuter.

BIG HOLD-UP IN TUNGKOOK

Canton, May 21. A band of 40 men, described as "Communists," made off with a haul of CNS300 million worth of rice and beans when they successfully waylaid a group of travelling traders, according to reports reaching Canton from the down-river district.

The "Communists" are said to have escaped in junks fully loaded with the stolen cargoes. Their hide-out is given as being in a village in the Tungkook district.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN HINT ON BRITISH AIRFIELDS

Berlin, May 20. The Russians hinted for the second time today that they are considering closing the British and American airfields in Berlin and forcing the Western Allies to handle all air traffic between Berlin and the west from Russian-operated airports.

The Soviet-licensed ADN news agency reported that officials of the Russian Schoenefeld airfield have decided that all western air traffic can be handled from their field, situated south of Berlin's city boundaries inside the Russian zone.

Schoenefeld is equipped with all up-to-date means required for landing 60 to 70 planes daily, the ADN reported. The exclusive use of this airfield "would increase air traffic security."

Russian-sponsored press in Berlin has long been clamouring for the closure of the British and American airports as a threat to air safety.

Yesterday the "Berliner Zeitung" reported that the Soviet Air Director, Major General Georgi Alexandrov is considering "strictly dividing" Allied air traffic between Berlin and the west into military and civil traffic.

On this basis military traffic must be decreased and handled only from the Russian Dalgow airport. Civil airlines would be confined exclusively to Adlershof and Schoenefeld airfields.—United Press.

Socialists To Go Ahead

Berlin, May 20. The German Socialist Unity Party (SED) today announced its intention to hold the Russian-supported "referendum on German unity" in Berlin's Western sectors despite a ban by the British, French and American Military Governments.

The SED, which is Communist-led, said the pro-Soviet "German People's Council" would start at once to build polling booths on the electric railway stations in the Western sectors. The statement said the Western Military Governments would be unable to interfere since all the Berlin railway stations are Russian-controlled under a four-power agreement.—Reuter.

RED LEADERS ARRESTED

Rangoon, May 21. Turbule forces arrested a number of Communist leaders, including several women, in clashes in the country districts, a Government report said today.—Reuter.

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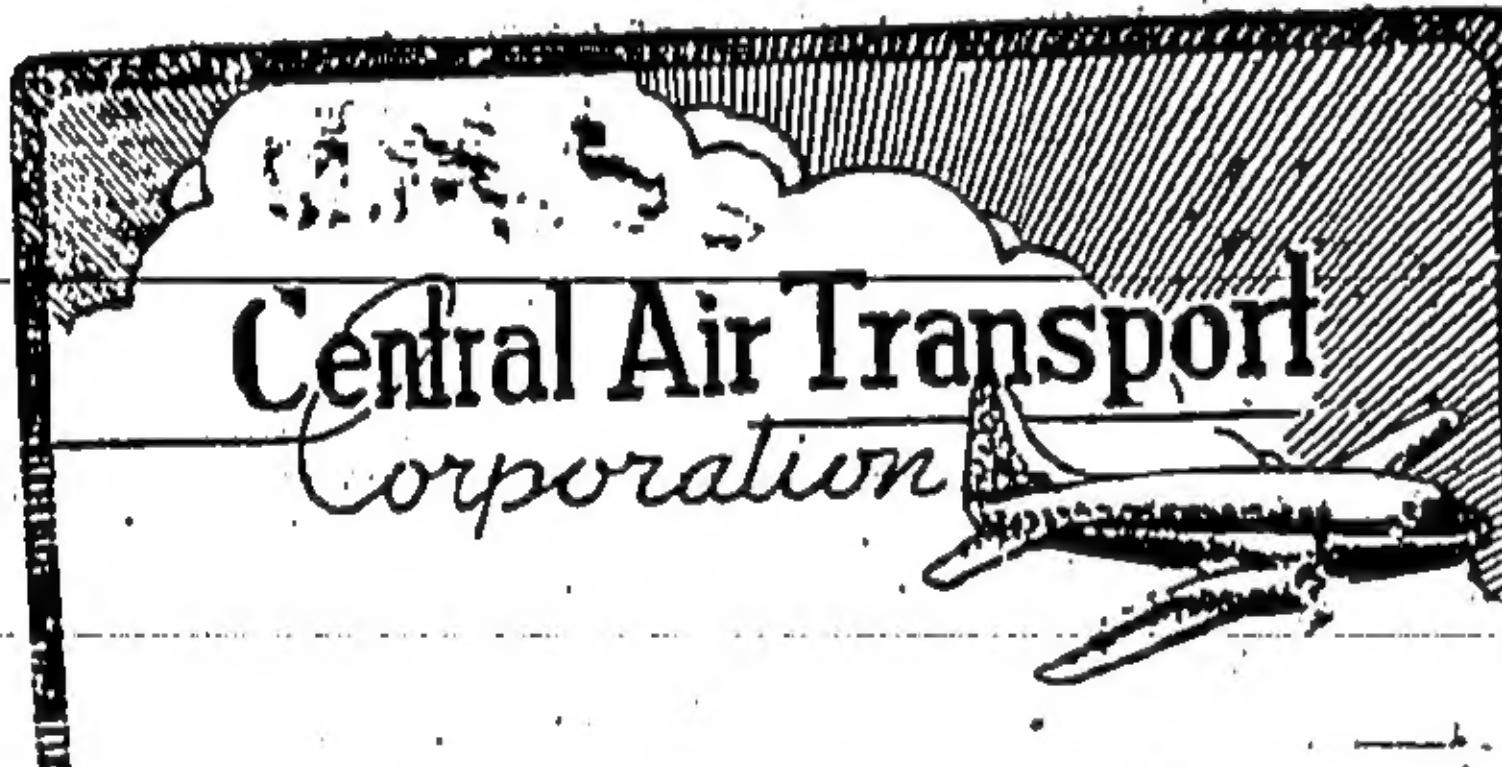
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BRITAIN AND EUROPE

Quite the most important feature of Mr. Bevin's foreign policy address to the Labour Party Conference at Scarborough was contained in his reference to the efforts to create a Western Union. When the elder Pitt said he would conquer Canada on the plains of Germany he meant that Britain could not build a successful Empire unless she was first a European Power. Mr. Bevin does not subscribe to this view in so many words. Times have changed and the structure of the British Commonwealth with them. But he did, as he must, emphasise that any attempt by Britain to limit herself to the Commonwealth would be disastrous, that a harmony must somewhere be found in Britain's links with the Commonwealth and the Continent of Europe.

Britain can never disintegrate herself in Europe—which is why she fought in the last two World Wars. Now even America finds the Atlantic not broad enough to protect her from the contagions of the Old World. She abandoned it in 1919, but was compelled to return to it in the last war. She was attacked only by Japan, but she fought Germany and Italy as well. Why? Because she knew that if democracy perished in Europe it would soon be extinguished in America. The resources of Europe under totalitarian rule would enable it to outbuild even the prodigious plants of the United States; so it is with her now—and with us too. The moment any one Power dominates Europe, the British Isles are threatened. That is the peril which looms today. As Mr. Bevin says, we must play our part in meeting it before it becomes active. To pretend that Europe does not exist would not help us in an emergency. It would increase the danger, for the nations of the West, cold-shouldered in peace would rally round an enemy in war.

New Hope

The losses of life and property suffered by the Sikhs in recent calamities and anxiety about their future have lately engulfed them in gloom and despair. The Maharaja of Patiala has come to their rescue by joining the state of Patiala with six other States of the Eastern Punjab to make a new union in which Sikhs already make up two-fifths of the population. No community suffered more than Sikhs from the Indian Partition. It meant a division of their traditional home, the Land of Five Rivers, into the new provinces of East and West Punjab and although the Sikhs were never more than a minority in the old undivided Punjab, neither they nor anyone else forgot that they once ruled it.

Martial tradition, clannishness and industrial aptitude meant that they had an importance in provincial affairs much greater than their mere numbers could command. They were to be found prospering everywhere and when Partition came they were quick to see how deeply their interests must be affected. But in their darkest hour the Maharaja of Patiala, the greatest Sikh Prince, who won an honourable name throughout the communal troubles by the shelter he afforded all refugees, regardless of caste and creed, has given them hope.

Including the State of Patiala, five of the States



The end of the year 1939 left the war still in its infancy. An occasional cannon shot or reconnaissance patrol alone broke the silence of the Western Front. The armies gaped at each other from behind their rising fortifications across an undisputed "No-Man's Land."

There is a certain similarity (I wrote to Pound on Christmas Day) between the position now and at the end of the year 1914. The trust in peace from peace to war has been unfulfilled. The outer sense, for the moment at any rate, are clear from enemy surface craft. The lines in France are static.

But in addition, on the sea we have repelled the first U-boat attack, which previously did not begin till February, 1915, and we can see our way through the minefields. Moreover, the lines run along the frontiers instead of six or seven of the French provinces and Belgium being in the enemy's hands.

This is the best I can do for a Christmas-card in these hard times. So far no ally had espoused our cause. The United States was cooler than in any other period. I persevered in my correspondence with the President, but with little response. The Chancellor of the Exchequer grumbled about our dwindling dollar resources.

The stresses created by the Finnish War had worsened our relations, already bad, with the Soviet Union. We might undertake to help the Finns might lead to war with Russia. The fundamental antagonisms between the Soviet Government and Nazi Germany did not prevent the Kremlin actively aiding by supplies and facilities the development of Hitler's power.

We continued to court Italy by civilities and favourable contracts, but we could feel no security or progress towards friendship. Count Ciano was polite to our Ambassador. Mussolini stood aloof.

On January 8 I again visited France to explain my two mechanical projects, Cultivator No. 6 (a scheme for high-speed trench-digging machinery) and Operation "Royal Marine" (the laying of mines in the Rhine), in the French High Command. In the morning, before I left, the Prime Minister sent for me and told me he had decided to make a change at the War Office, and that Mr. Hore-Belisha would give place to Mr. Oliver Stanley.

Late that night Mr. Hore-Belisha called me on the telephone at our Embassy in Paris and told me what I knew already, I pressed him, without success, to take one of the other Offices which were open to him. The Government was itself in low water at this time, and almost the whole Press of the country declared that the most energetic and live figure in the Government had been dismissed.

Parliament does not take its opinion from the newspapers; indeed it often reacts in the opposite sense. When the House of Commons met a week later, he had few champions, and refrained from making any statement. I wrote to him as follows:

I much regret that our brief association as colleagues has ended. In the last war I went through the same experience as you have suffered, and I know how bitter and painful it is to anyone with his heart in the job. I was not consulted in the changes that were proposed. I was only informed after they had been decided.

At the same time, I should tell in candour if I did not let you know that I thought you would have been better if you went to the Board of Trade or the Ministry of Information, and I am very sorry that you did not see your way to accept the first of these important offices.

The outstanding achievement of your tenure of the War Office was the passage of Conscription in time of peace. You may rest with confidence upon this, and I hope that it will not be long before we are colleagues again, and that this temporary setback will prove no serious obstacle to your opportunities of serving the country.

The Thirty-Second Instalment

DISQUIET: CONDUCT OF WAR

It was not possible for me to realise my hope until, after the break-up of the National Coalition, I formed the so-called "Carrot Government" in May, 1945. Belisha then became Minister of National Insurance. In the interval he had been one of our severest critics; but I was very glad to be able to bring so able a man back into the Administration.

The delays about Narvik continued interminably. Although

During the winter lull at the beginning of 1940 German plans for the invasion of Belgium were captured but not credited.

The Cabinet were prepared to contemplate a surprise attack upon Norway and Sweden to allow aid to pass to Finland, they remained opposed to the much smaller operation of mining the "Leads." The first was noble; the second merely tactical. Besides, everyone could see that Norway and Sweden would refuse facilities for aid; so nothing would come of the project anyway.

In my vacation after one of our Cabinets I wrote to a colleague: Jan. 15, 1940. My disquiet was due mainly to the awful difficulties which our machinery of war-conduct presents to positive action. I see such immense walls of prevention, all built and built, that I wonder whether any plan will have a chance of climbing over them. Just look at the arguments which have had to be surmounted in the seven weeks we have discussed this Narvik operation.

I have two or three projects moving forward, but all, I fear, will succumb before the tremendous array of negative arguments and forces. Pardon me, therefore, if I showed distress. One thing is absolutely certain, namely, that victory will never be found by taking the line of least resistance. There were other causes for uneasiness. The progress of converting our industries to war production was not up to the pace required. In a speech at Manchester on January 27 I urged the immense importance of expanding our labour supply and of bringing great numbers of women into industry to replace the men taken for the armed forces, and to augment our strength.

Little was, however, done, and the sense of extreme emergency seemed lacking. There was a "Twilight" mood in the ranks of Labour and of those who directed production as well as in the military operations.

On January 19 at 11.15 a.m. about the Western Front received confirmation. A German staff-major of the 7th Air Division had been ordered to take some documents to headquarters in Cologne. With a view to saving time for private indulgence, he decided to fly across. His machine made a forced landing; the Belgian police arrested him and impounded his papers, which he tried desperately to destroy.

These contained the entire and actual scheme for the invasion of Belgium, Holland and France on which Hitler had resolved. The French and British Governments were given copies of these documents, and the German major was released to explain matters to his superiors.

I was told about all this at the time, and it seemed to me incredible that the Belgians would not make a plan to invite us in.

But they did nothing about it. It was argued in all three countries concerned that probably it was a "plant." But this could not be true. There could be no sense in the Germans trying to make the Belgians believe that they were going to attack them in the near future. This might make them do the very last thing the Germans wanted, namely, make a plan with the French and British armies to come forward privately and quickly one fine night.

I therefore believed the impending attack. But such questioning found no place in the thought of the Belgian King, and he told his army staff merely waited, hoping that all would turn out well.

In spite of all the German major's papers no fresh action of any kind was taken by the Allies or the threatened States. Hitler, on the other hand, as we now know, summoned Goering to his presence, and on being told that the captured papers were in

definitely and formally confirmed in Paris on November 17, 1939. On this basis the Allies awaited the impending shock, and Hitler the campaigning season, for which the weather might well be favourable from April onwards.

During the winter and spring, the B.E.F. were extremely busy setting themselves to rights, fortifying their line and preparing for war, whether offensive or defensive. The 42nd and 44th Divisions arrived in France and went on to the frontier line in the latter half of April, 1940.

In that month there also arrived the 12th, 23rd and 40th Divisions. These were sent to complete their training in France, and to augment the labour force for all the work in hand. They were short even of the ordinary unit weapons and equipment, and had no artillery.

The awful gap, reflecting on our pre-war arrangements, was the absence of even one armoured division in the British Expeditionary Force. Britain, the cradle of the tank in all its variants, had between the wars so far neglected the development of this weapon, soon to dominate the battlefields, that eight months after the declaration of war our small but good Army had only with it,

reflected in its Army, the more so when that Army is quartered in the homeland and contacts are close. It cannot be said that France in 1939-40 viewed the war with uprising spirit or even with much confidence.

The disintegrating influences of both Communism and Fascism were at work; the long winter months of waiting gave time and opportunity for the poisons to be established.

Very many factors go to the building-up of sound morale in an army, but one of the greatest is that the men be fully employed at useful and interesting work. Yet visitors to the French front were often struck by the prevailing atmosphere of calm aloofness, by the seemingly poor quality of the work in hand, by the lack of visible activity of any kind.

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Ex-Envoy And China Association

London, May 21. Lord Inverchapel who, as Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, was formerly British Ambassador to China, is being proposed as President of the China Association in succession to Lord Ailwyn. This is indicated in the list of officers for the coming year as presented in the annual report of the Association.

Also amongst those offering themselves for election to the committee is the Earl of Inchebpe, and it is intimated that Mr. W. C. Cassels, who recently returned from China, is joining the body as a nominee of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce. The annual meeting is to take place on June 9. The report, which covers the 12-month period prior to March 31 this year, presents a comprehensive review of major developments, not only in China, but also regarding Hong Kong and Japan.

HEDGE ROWS

Cambridge, May 21. Ernest F. Hedge grows very fragrant flowers, he told High Court Judge Sir Ronald Croom Johnson, but since his head was bumped in a bus accident, he can't smell them any more. Or anything else for that matter. He asked damages from the bus company. The judge awarded him £750. Associated Press.

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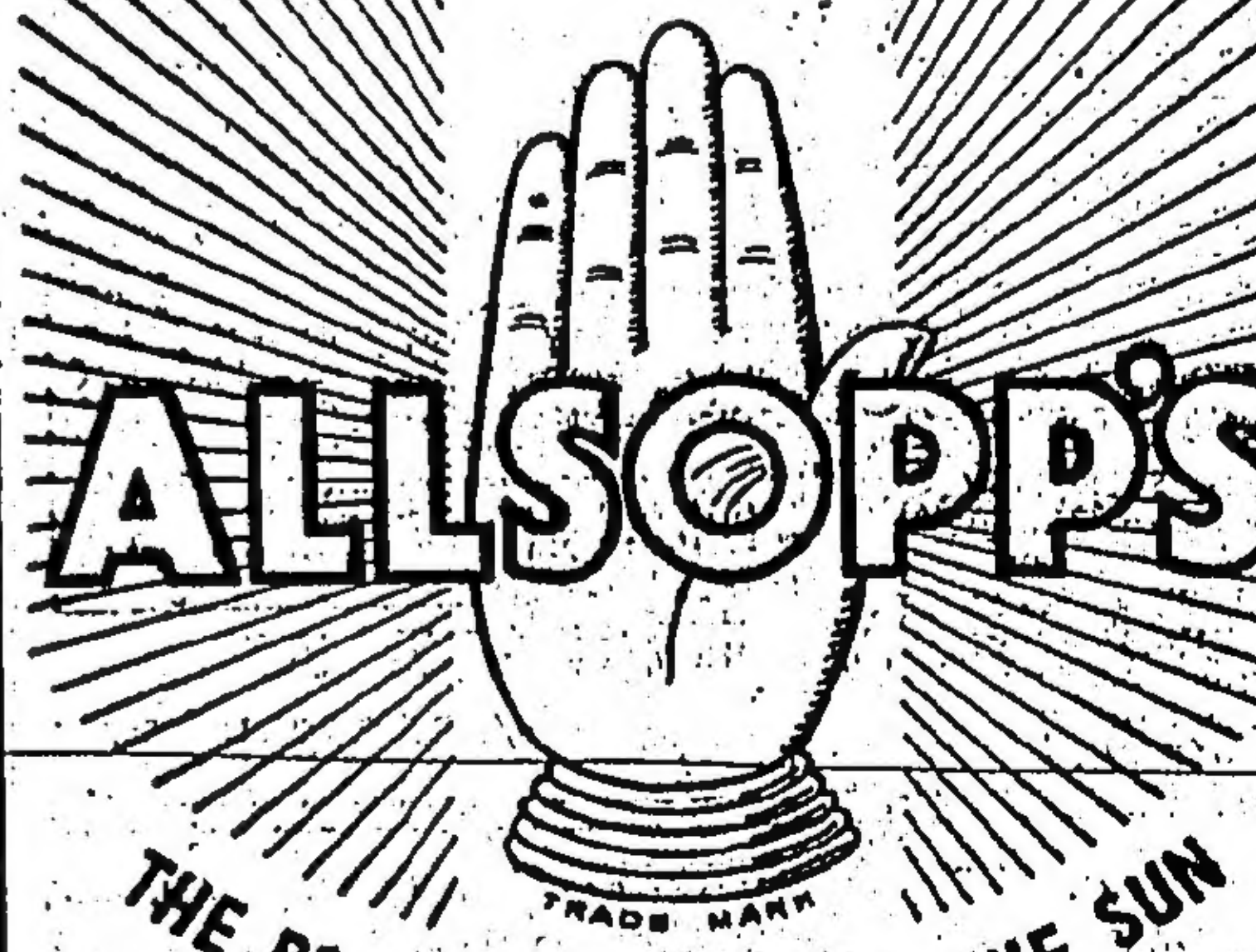
London, May 21. Britain plans no reply to Israel's request for recognition, received from Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok. Acknowledging the request would imply Britain recognises the existence of the Jewish nation, a Foreign Office spokesman said. Associated Press.

JAP. Y.M.C.A. LEADER

New York, May 21. Seichi Salto, head of the Y.M.C.A. in Japan, said in New York today that Emperor Hirohito of Japan told him in a recent audience that "I feel sorry I could not stop the war." Salto, who is here for a visit to Y.M.C.A. headquarters, told a press conference that "that sort of thing would not be said 20 years ago." Associated Press.

CARNIVAL

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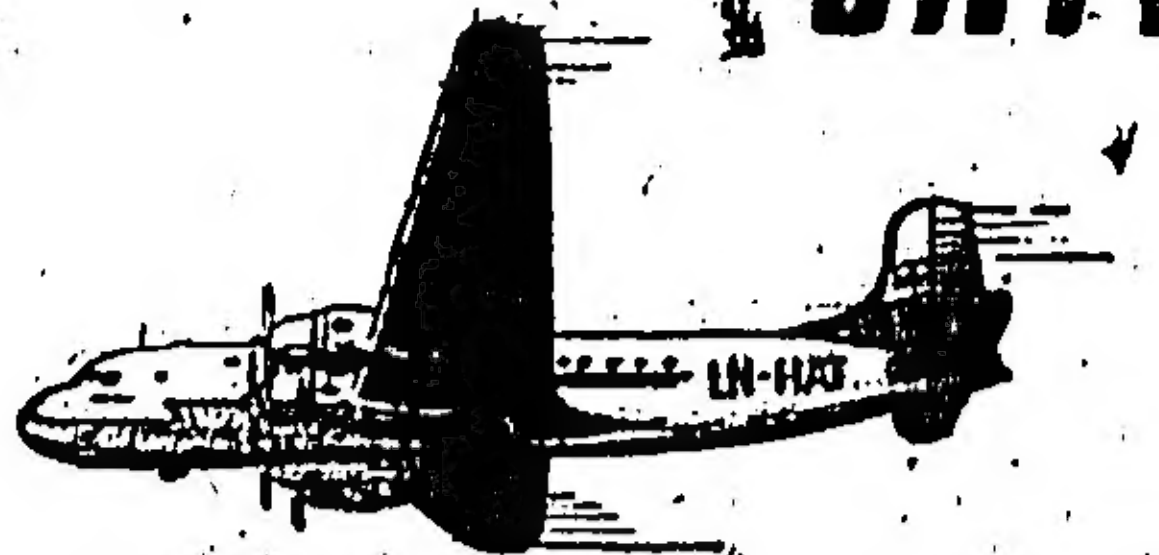
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Imperialism's Eradication Aim Of Britain

Scarborough, May 20.

His policy aimed at planning the economy of the West, with its great industries, to help to develop the sub-standard of living for millions of people in Africa, South East Asia, and all the great undeveloped countries, Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, told the Labour Party Conference here today.

He added that the idea was not to exploit them, but to help them towards self-government.

Referring to the Government's difficulties, Mr. Bevin said: "You have an age-long imperialism to eradicate. You have to transfer countries to independence as in the case of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon."

Later, help had to be given to weave them into the United Nations, Bevin added.

The Conference endorsed the Government's foreign policy by an overwhelming majority after hearing a review of the "world danger spots" by Mr. Bevin.

A miners' resolution supporting the Foreign Secretary's policy and the Marshall Plan received 4,007,000 votes, while only 224,000 votes supported a critical amendment by Mr. Konni Zilliacus, a Leftwinger. Some 800,000 votes were not cast.

European Union

Mr. Bevin's speech, centred largely on the Government's conception of European Union.

The Government's aim, he explained, was to coordinate the ties uniting Britain with the Commonwealth and the new link being forged in Western Europe.

He gave strong approval to a recent speech by Mr. Louis St. Laurent, the Canadian Minister for External Affairs, who said last month that special regional responsibilities assumed by the British Commonwealth nations had not weakened their general and close association.

The Foreign Secretary refused to commit himself on German policy while the current six-power London Conference has not yet rendered its report.

A resolution from the floor asking for a Western German currency reform and speedy steps to strengthen the bilateral or trilateral Governments was referred to the Executive at his request.

Greek War

On Greece, Mr. Bevin said: "I cannot ignore the fact that 6,000 Greeks today are homeless... I cannot ignore the fact that children are being abducted and taken into other countries... and one lift of a finger from a place you know would stop it tonight."

The Conference rejected a resolution demanding the withdrawal of British troops from Greece and accepted a protest against all forms of terrorism in Greece by either side.

The Foreign Secretary said he had no intention of trying to change by force things done in Eastern Europe that he did not agree with. "I cannot change the Communism of Russia, and I am not going to try," he added.

Mr. Bevin contrasted the great industrial area of Western Europe with the areas where millions of people had a sub-standard of living. The question, he said, was how to plan the economy of the West to help develop the standards in Africa, South East Asia and all the great undeveloped countries.

Two Possibilities

"I have taken the view," he said, "that there are two possibilities. If we limit ourselves to the Commonwealth alone, it will not be sufficient.

"If we harness the Commonwealth and the overseas territories, which we are jointly responsible for, to the skill, ability and productive capacity of the West, then we can solve our balance of payments and they can have a continuing rise in standards of living for generations to come."

Yugoslav Protest To Egypt

Belgrade, May 20.

Yugoslavia has protested "energetically" to Egypt against the arrest of Yugoslav citizens in Alexandria, and Cairo in mass roundups during the past few days.

A note, released here today, demanded the "immediate release" of those imprisoned and an explanation of "such inhuman behaviour" from the Egyptian authorities.

Among those detained was stated to be the acting president of the Yugoslav "cultural" committee in Egypt. —Reuter.

In developing a Western European Union, Mr. Bevin said, Britain could not go faster than the other countries willing to work with them. Pressure was likely to fall.

The Foreign Secretary continued: "We must proceed to develop regional pacts of collective security where we can, and not wait for the final agreement of everybody."

Those who will come in, let them. That will ultimately, I think, lead to a universal collective security and regional arrangements which will be the biggest contribution to obliterate war for ever."

He hoped for a conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers to dispel any misunderstanding between the Commonwealth and Western Europe.

"Witch Hunt"

The Conference today overwhelmingly defeated a resolution deprecating the Communist "witch hunt" within the party—a reference to the recent expulsion of Mr. John Platts Mills, a Member of Parliament, for deviating from party policy.

A show of hands indicated that only 20 favoured the resolution, while hundreds were against.

By the same margin, the Conference carried an amendment recognising the criticism of the Communists and their "fellow travellers," made by the party newspaper, the Daily Herald, and the party Secretary, Mr. Morgan Phillips, was justified. —Reuter.

REBUKE OF PRINCESS WAS "UNFAIR"

London, May 20.

Responsible Court sources defended Princess Elizabeth today against Scottish churchmen's criticism.

The Scots complained that she went to horse races, a theatre and a night club last Sunday in Paris.

The Court sources said the rebukes were unjustified, unfair and unkind of Continental amenities.

Buckingham Palace, in traditional policy, had "nothing to say" officially. Commenting on their own, however, court sources said the criticism "overlooked the fact that the Princess and her husband were doing in Paris what the Parisians do—and it was all perfectly harmless."

The General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland and the Scottish Association of the Lord's Supper observed the criticism in messages to the Prime Minister Alice yesterday, that

The Princess Apparent to the Throne and her Consort, Prince Philip, set a frivolous example to British youth by devoting so much of Sunday to light amusements.

The Court sources commented: "It is unfair to say or to imply that they were on a night club spree. Actually they were simply dining out, as they would be expected to do, and if there were theatrical entertainment and dancing surely that doesn't suggest a night club in even a faintly indecorous sense."

The Royal Family has rarely been censured in recent years by religious bodies. An African Church criticised King George VI for playing tennis on Sunday during the Royal tour of South Africa last year. No other such rebuke could be recalled since King George became King more than ten years ago. —Associated Press.

Zionism Fearful Calamity

Cairo, May 20.

Maj. Gen. Sir Edward Spears, former British Minister to the Syrian Lebanese Republic and chairman of a privately formed Committee for Arab Affairs said today that Zionism "is proving to be a fearful calamity for mankind."

In a letter to "The Times," Spears wrote: "Zionism has opened the door to Russian penetration in the Middle East which may result in irretrievable disaster to Western civilization. Russia is favouring the Jews today. The reason is simple: 'It is the best way of disrupting the door to Russian penetration in the Middle East.'"

"We should the Jews, with American and Russian support, become so strong as successfully to resist the Arabs the Moslem masses; if not their rulers, who today, at least, and fear Communism, will appeal to Russia to shield them from the policy of those who would have us be injured."

"Such is the building American domestic politics have erected on the foundations of the 'Balfour' declaration," he said. —Associated Press.

Belgian Army Not Strong Enough

Brussels, May 20.

The Belgian Army is not strong enough to assure the nation's security, the Belgian Minister of Defence, Colonel Raoul de Fraiteur, declared today.

It had to be "interpolated" in a wider international defence system, he told the Joint Senate-Chamber Defence Commission.

The Minister pointed out that under the recent Belgian-Dutch military agreement, Belgium would give Holland arms and ammunition. She would get ships and aircraft in return.

The Brussels pact, the Minister said, represented "better progress" than the Belgian-Dutch agreement.

He outlined plans for the re-organisation of the Belgian Army, which included the establishment of military bases in the Congo. He revealed that the Belgian Army and Air Force's present strength is 4,050 officers, 10,500 non-commissioned officers and 57,400 men. —Reuter.

American Critic Of U.S. Policy

New York, May 20.

Stephen Penrose Jr., President Elect of the American University of Beirut, in a letter to the "New York Times," criticises the United States recognition of Israel and lack of press opposition to that action.

Penrose writes: "The President's action has, in effect, made a mockery of United States participation in the United Nations, has given our blessing to intensification of diverse nationalism... has alienated this country in opposition to the sovereign Arab nations and the entire Moslem world of 300,000,000 people."

"If America sincerely wishes to destroy the hopes of the world in her wise leadership in this time of crisis, she is taking the right path by embarking on a programme of duplicity for reasons of supposed political expediency." —Associated Press.

Fugitives' Relatives Put Under Arrest

Prague, May 20.

The police at Pilsen have arrested four women and a man, relatives of four persons who fled the city into Germany, and charged them with conspiracy against the protection of the Republic.

They were charged with knowing of their relatives' plans to escape and not informing the authorities.

One of the fugitives was Josef Mainer, former police director of Pilsen.

The arrested persons were Mrs. Eliska Mainerova; Mrs. Ladmila Dezortova, wife of Dr. Dezort; and her husband, Dr. Dezort.

The fourth fugitive was Frantisek Sebecna, a professor. —Associated Press.

Dispute Over A River

Tehran, May 21.

Persia may go to the United Nations for a settlement of her dispute with Afghanistan over the Hermand River, which flows through both countries, the Persian Foreign Minister, Musa Nuri Esfandiari, hinted in the Majlis today.

Persia claims that the Afghans dammed the river, causing last summer's drought. Afghanistan maintains it dried up through natural causes.

The Minister said the matter had been discussed by the two countries through their Ambassadors. "I hope the Afghan Government will consider the matter and co-operate to solve the problem amicably so that Persia will not have to appeal to the international organisation," he added. —Reuter.

FEC STUDY OF JAP INDUSTRY

Washington, May 20.

The Far Eastern Commission today began considering a policy directive for Japan's postwar level of industry.

It was authoritatively understood the proposal is virtually identical with the Commission's interim directive on this subject many months ago, which made about 1,000 industrial plants available for reparations.

But it is understood here that this directive has not been executed except for removal of small quantities of machine tools.

The proposal is also understood to be virtually identical with American suggestions made a year ago.

The proposed directive has been in various committees of the Commission for a year, but reached the Commission itself only today. Various members asked that suggestions months ago for instructions on the proposal. Some are still awaiting a reply.

It was understood the directive would establish an industrial level below that which American investigators have suggested after various tours of Japan.

In general, Americans tend to favour a higher level to allow Japan more tools for industrial recovery. Other Pacific allies favour a low level to make sure Japan cannot launch on a military revival and also to nip Japanese industrial recovery. Other Oriental nations fear Japan's economic revival may endanger their own industrial development. —Associated Press.

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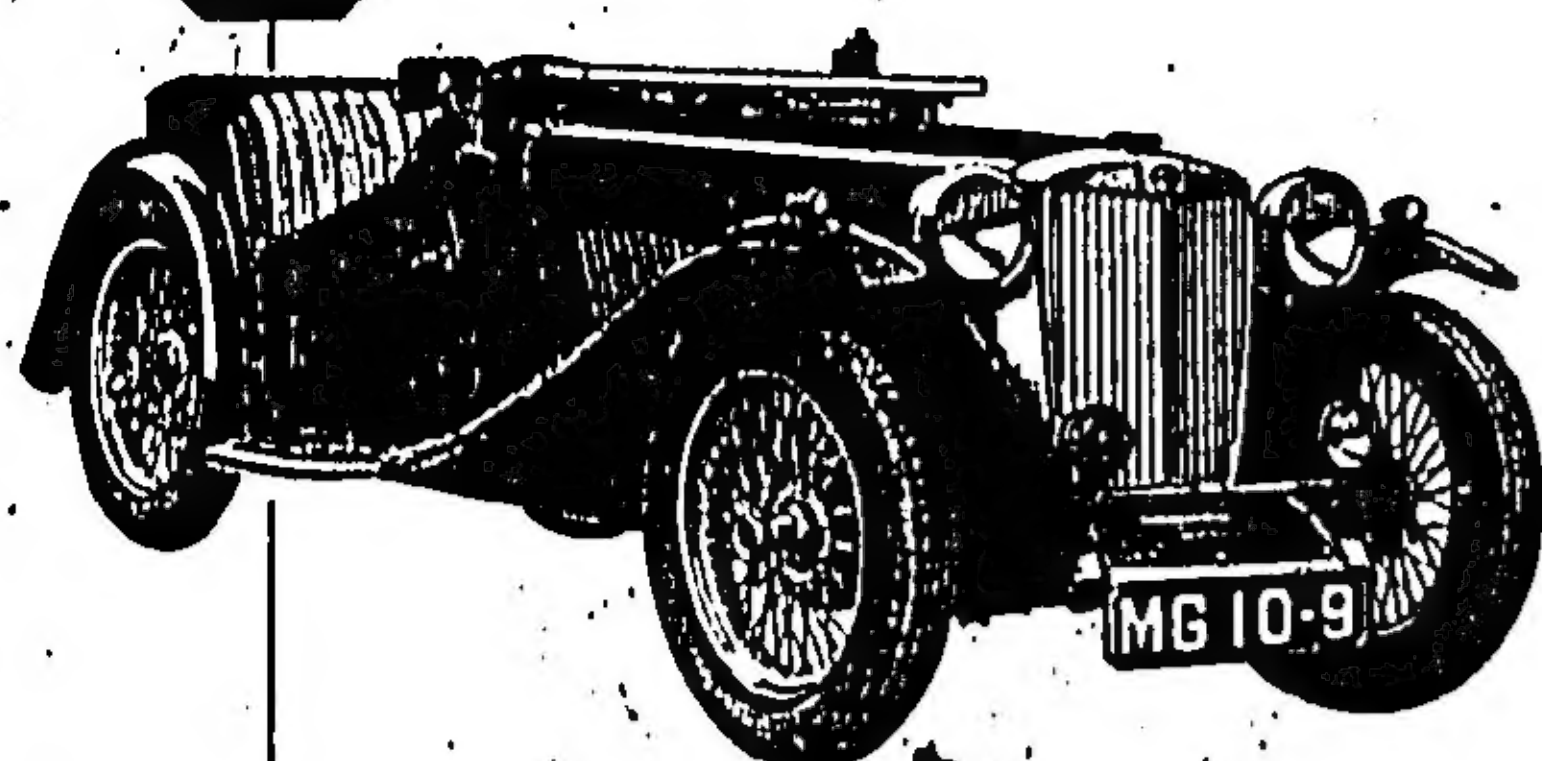
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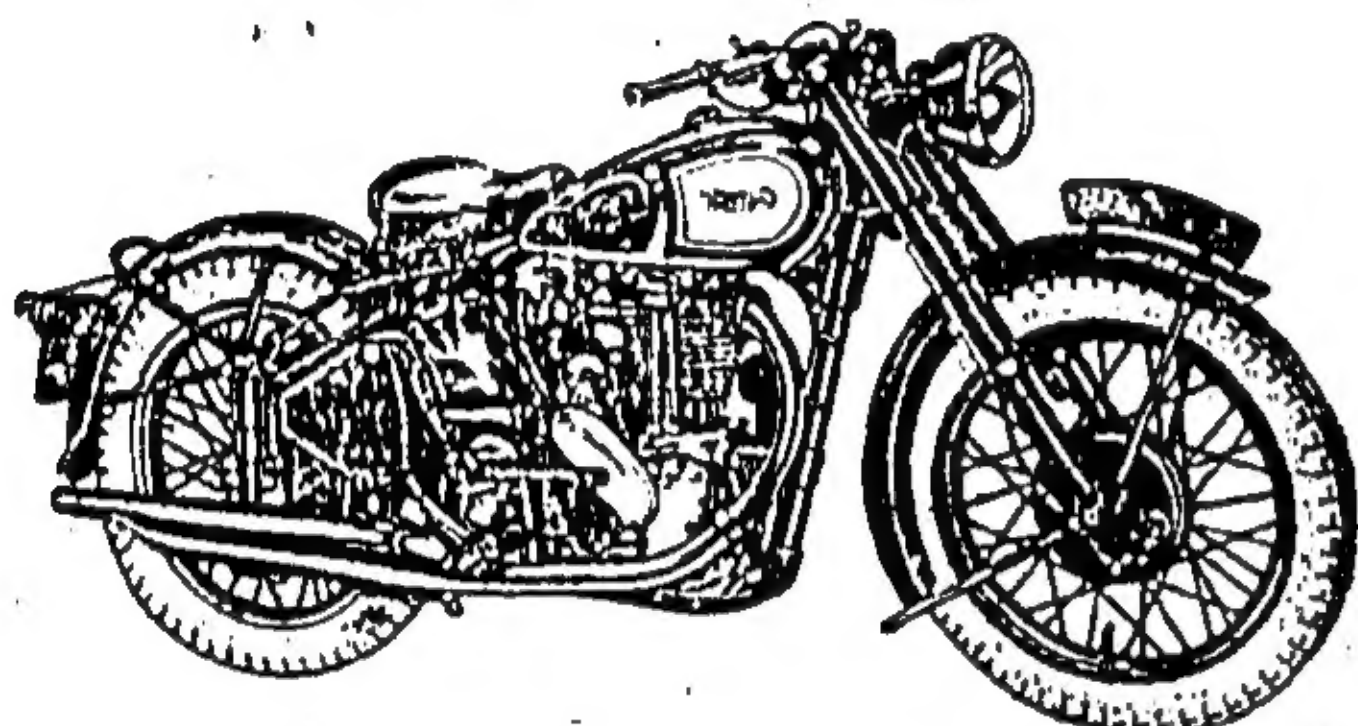
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MOTORING NEWS AND VIEWS

FOUR-WHEEL SPEEDWAY FROM HOLLYWOOD

By JOHN HALL

Midget-car racing—thrills, spills, and records at 80 m.p.h.—has returned, bowed in by "Sweater Girl" Lana Turner, who broke into her newest honeymoon to reintroduce Britain to the sport which is Hollywood's latest rave.

Mounted on a canary-coloured Cadillac limousine, blonde Miss Turner (Mrs. Bob Topping) drove round the Chelsea football ground before the first evening's racing began.

Six A Week

Husband Bob Topping was there, too, to see how the crowds greet his wife and the sport.

Topping and a few associates have sunk £75,000 to bring midget-car racing to Britain.

Until the end of July London will have six midget-car meetings a week—two each at the Chelsea and Charlton Athletic grounds and Walthamstow Stadium—and more film stars to make triumphal drives.

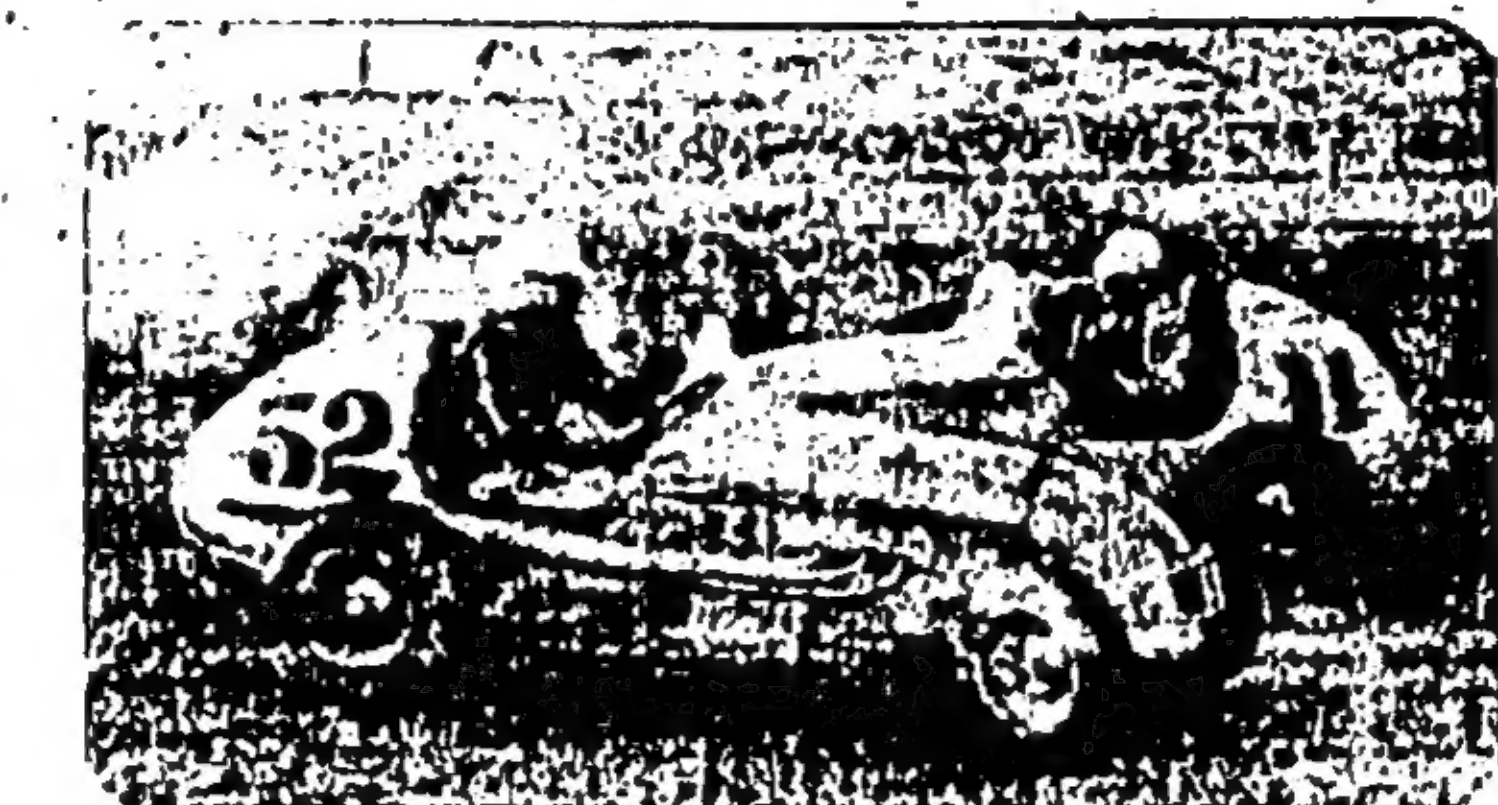
After the stars there will be two hours' racing, varying from six laps to 20 laps, with two, four, and as many as 10 cars competing at once.

Boring, plunging over the top of a rival who has somersaulted, "locking wheels" to ride a rival out of the way, and making flat-out skids round the bends are integral parts of this sport.

If this trial season is a success, Topping and his associates will return next year to establish the sport permanently. They back it to outpace speedway racing—"It's faster, more thrilling," they claim—and emphasise: "It's miles ahead of the midget-car racing that was tried out before the war."

The cars, in dazzling bright colours and chromium, are sleek, top-drawer cousins to the midget cars you see at some fun fairs. They are 8ft. long, have their wheels 6ft. apart, weigh 950lb., and have 22h.p. engines. They race on narrow, cinder tracks, unbanked at the corners. Cornering is a mixture of nerve, skill, and skidding—mostly nerve. The drivers are each insured for £1,250.

The drivers get a basic £12 10s. weekly (in sterling), plus prize-money, which is based on the "gate" receipts. Briefly, the better, more daring the show the



drivers put up the more people they draw and the bigger the prizes.

In the U.S., where "gates" last year totalled £11,000,000, the top drivers make up to £15,000 a year.

Besides racing as individuals the drivers will also compete

against each other in international teams—Britain, U.S., France, and Belgium. Captain of the British team is New Zealander Frank Brewer.

Almost everything except the cinders has been brought from the U.S.—a pool of 21 drivers and 21 cars (they all go from

meet to meet); 12 mechanics and half a dozen track officials; 8,000 gallons of special racing fuel, 800 gallons of oil, 600 tyres, 17,000ft. of hardwood lumber (to build barricades), 2,000ft. of wire netting, kegs of nails and screws.

Their Fan Hail

Costly transport of the personnel and equipment from California, plus deposits demanded by British Customs, plus publicity, have raised the promoters' bill to £75,000.

Tagging along, too, is a complete glossary used by American midget-car fans—"Take him" (to urge a lagging driver), "lead-foot" (for a driver who always keeps his foot hard down on the accelerator), "balloon-foot" (reverse of "lead-foot"), and "binders" (brakes).

In August, by which time, they hope, all 21 drivers will have become household names in Britain, the whole "circus" will pack up and return to the U.S., having made a decision on whether to come back to Britain next year.

Recovery Of The Motor Industry In Britain

S.M.M.T. Answers Mr. Wilmut President Describes Proposals as Compromise Between Sound Business Practice and Idealism

Events, proposals, Government flats, White Papers and suchlike follow one another these days like the editions of an evening newspaper. With the motor industry, the late night final of Mr. Wilmut in the form of a statement to the Engineering Advisory Council appeared on the streets before the S.M.M.T.'s lunch edition, Report on Proposals Made to the Motor Car Manufacturers.

Post-war conditions, said Sir Miles Thomas, President of the Society, at a Press conference introducing the report, represent a complete reversal of pre-war. In those days the export cars were the overflow from the home market; in these days the home cars are the overflow from export.

What is plain is that the recovery of motoring will keep pace only with the recovery of Britain as a whole, and therefore official pronouncements have a more than academic interest. Two quotations from the Minister of Supply's statement contain all

that it is necessary to absorb, as they also reveal how absolute power over the motor industry is now concentrated in his hands:—

"...while iron and steel and other raw material supplies for export will have to be increased to match the export targets of the engineering industries, there is no possibility of any substantial increase in total deliveries of steel to the engineering industries."

This may be immortalized by events as the "bricks without straw" statement, and it serves to emphasize the "you've had it" aspect of this further quote:—

"If we are to get through at this critical juncture manufacture for the home market of goods of this type (cars, etc.) can be justified only as an adjunct to export. We shall place a ceiling—and a fairly low one—on such manufacture in the home market and distribute the quota among manufacturers in proportion to their export performance. We shall do so by adjustment of our steel allocations to individual firms."

But there is a silver lining to this cloud of depression. The world is in a state of trade lan-

guage that is unprecedented, and it must be broken. When that happens, events are capable of swinging round in a much more favourable way towards Britain.

The S.M.M.T. reply, therefore, remains interesting. It is considered and fairly critical. One wonders why Mr. Wilmut did not consult the experts before making his proposals, and if he based them on the recommendations of the Motor Industry Advisory Council, on which prominent manufacturers sit. In the spite of literature on car manufacture, the Council's report is conspicuously and regrettably lacking for study.

On rationalization the report quotes figures:—

	BRITAIN	Body models variations
Date	Basic models	130 250
1939	.....	130 250
1947	.....	62 85
1948-9 (estimated)	.....	42 40
(17 out of 30 manufacturers make only one model)	.....	.....
	AMERICA	.....
1947	.....	60-66 207
(22 manufacturers)	.....	.....

Regarding the dominant "one-model" demand, the S.M.M.T. emphasizes cost resultant dislocation.

To change a programme and put in a new model takes a minimum of two and a half to three years, necessitates an expenditure of well over a million pounds on new equipment and tools, and needs highly co-ordinated team work in the factory. Similarly, to drop all models except one means costly scrapping of existing tools and loss of output. Such rationalization need to be long-term to avoid this, especially as raw material commitments are entered into a year in advance under today's conditions. A point that is also overlooked is the close relation between many cars and commercial vehicles from the same factory. Withdrawal of the car model would serve to increase over-heads on the commercial vehicle, with corresponding increase in selling price. When it goes on to discuss exports, the report mentions another relevant point. There is no car in existence that satisfies every motoring requirement all over the world. Some individualism is therefore an excellent selling feature.

Britain's Export Prospects

Optimism is praiseworthy, but it is difficult wholeheartedly to agree with the views expressed recently by Mr. R. Gresham Cooke, director of the S.M.M.T., and Mr. C. R. Strauss, Minister of Supply, with regard to the prospects of British car sales overseas.

Reports are widespread that cars are already "piling up" in Britain; the Geneva tariff agreements strike a blow at car exports, devaluation of the franc stimulated competition from France, and behind all these looms the Colossus of Detroit, which may be given additional power by the conditions likely to be attached to Marshall aid. In fact, it would be no surprise if cars, in view of their necessity to the structure of modern civilization, formed a legitimate part of the European Recovery Programme.

We point out these features in order to dispel any air of complacency that the S.M.M.T. and M.O.S. views may inspire.

In doing so, it is pertinent to recall the remarks of Sir William Roques, made at the introduction of the new and original Commer commercial vehicle a few days

before. Sir William emphasized that there could be no prosperity with the continued upward spiral of prices and pleaded with the Government to ease all these restrictions which are hampering efficiency and thus forcing prices up.

Mr. Gresham Cooke was on stronger ground in stressing that Britain produced a desirable overseas product. That is accepted, and in a world oil shortage which cannot be rectified for a number of years the operational economy of the British car cannot be over-emphasized.

But however good the selling points, continued salesmanship is vital in order to sell British cars in the face of strong competition—salesmanship, service after sales, and low prices. Anything that suggests these features to be less than indispensable is to be deprecated.

High Taxes On Large Engines

A recent Editorial in "The Motor" pointed out how silly it is to put the maximum tax on large engines, thus penalizing precisely those machines which contain the finest workmanship. Now the matter goes much deeper even than that. Cubic capacity taxation does not only turn good cars into taxis before their time, although that is bad enough, it also causes left-wing folk to defend it as a democratic (and hence respectable) impost. It probably matters very little to a man spending £3,000 on a new car whether the annual tax is £25 or £45. But as the machine gets older and passes from hand to hand, it makes more and more difference to successive owners, until it finally renders a first-class car unsaleable.

A high tax, therefore, makes for high depreciation, the knowledge that depreciation will be high deters people from buying large cars in the first place; output is, therefore, lower than it would otherwise be; this in turn, drives the price up. Vicious circle.

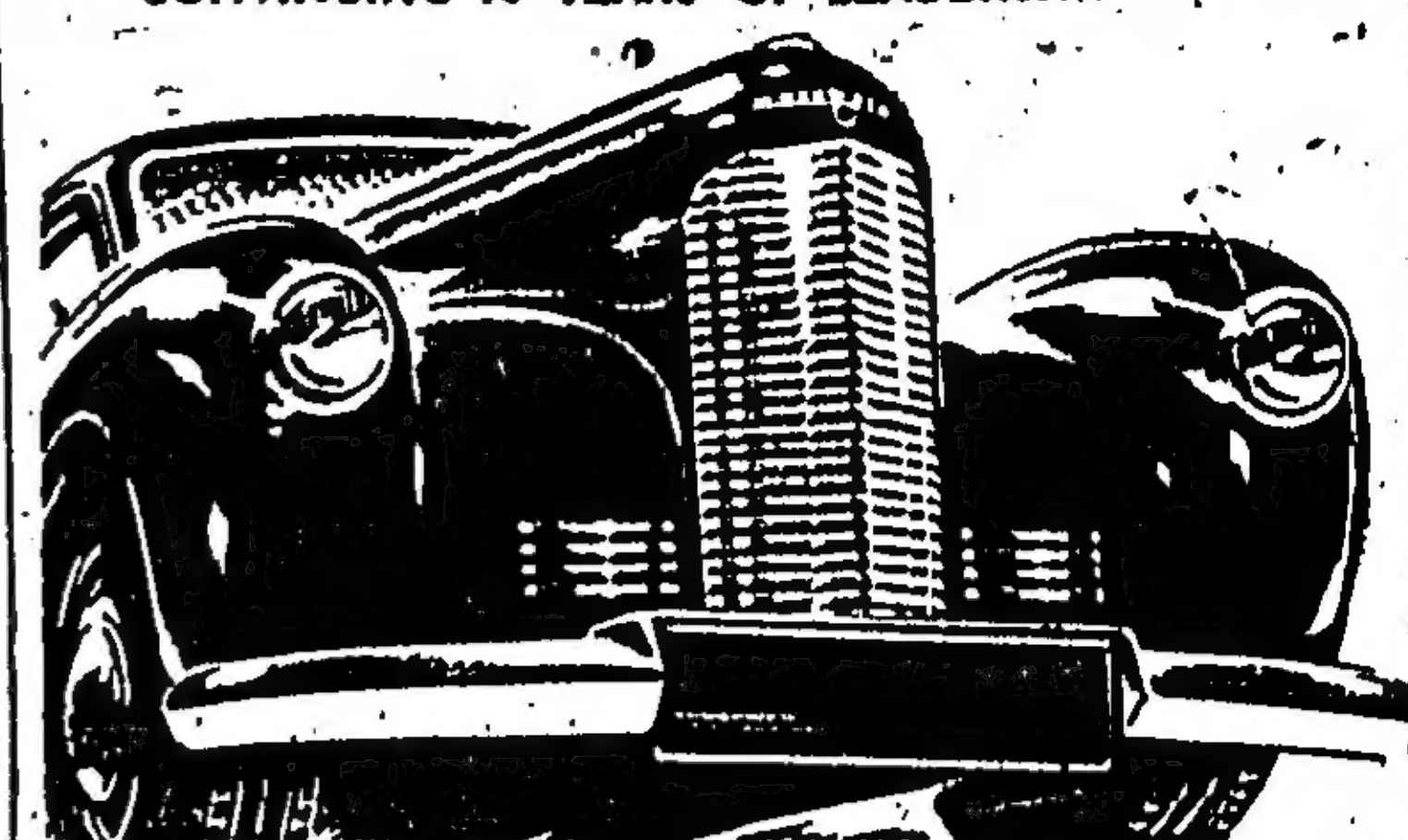
Britain Making Progress

An indication of the immense popularity of British motor cars overseas is given in a report published this week that the Rootes group alone is now exporting at the rate of £15,000,000 annually.

The group is shipping abroad over 70 per cent. of its total cars, and of the highest percentages of any British motor manufacturer. Humber, Hillman and Sunbeam Talbot cars and Commer and Karrier commercial vehicles are, in fact, being bought by no less than 100 different countries.

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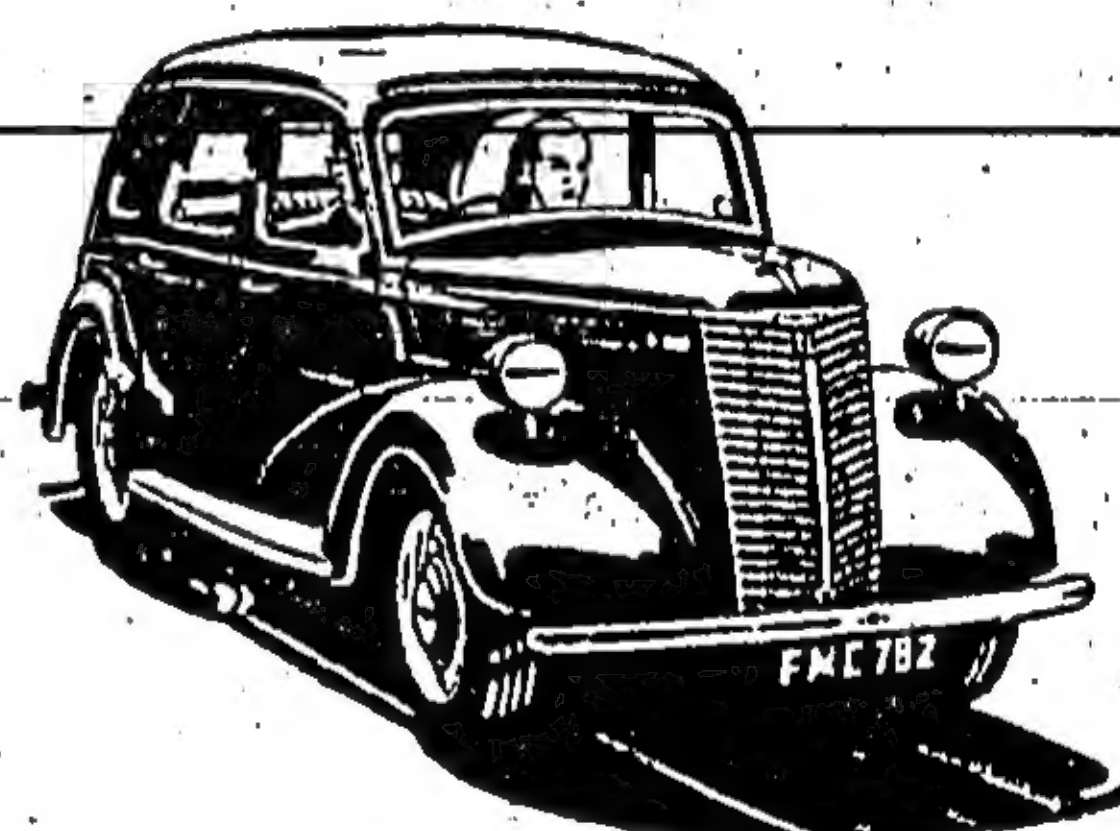
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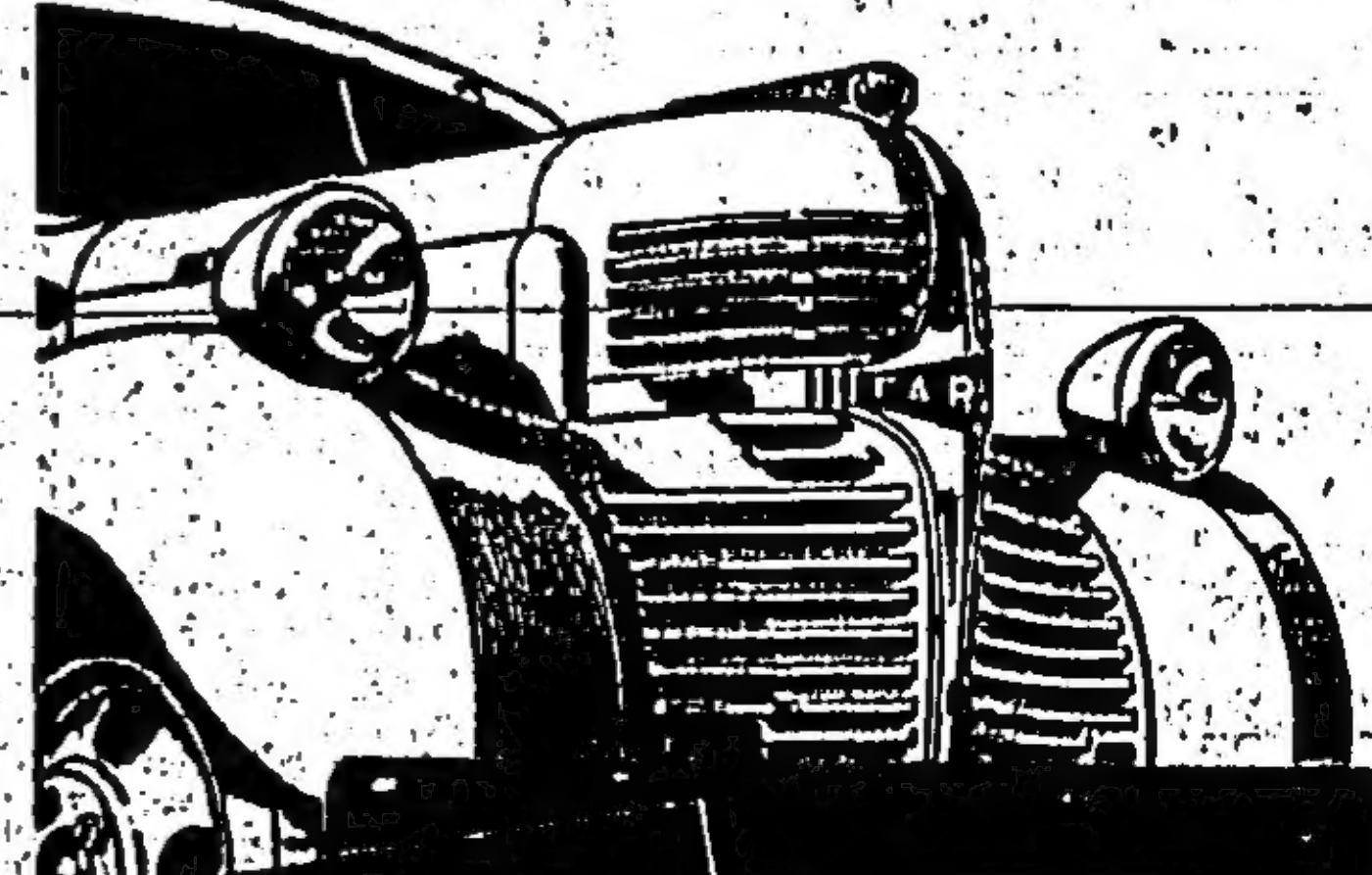
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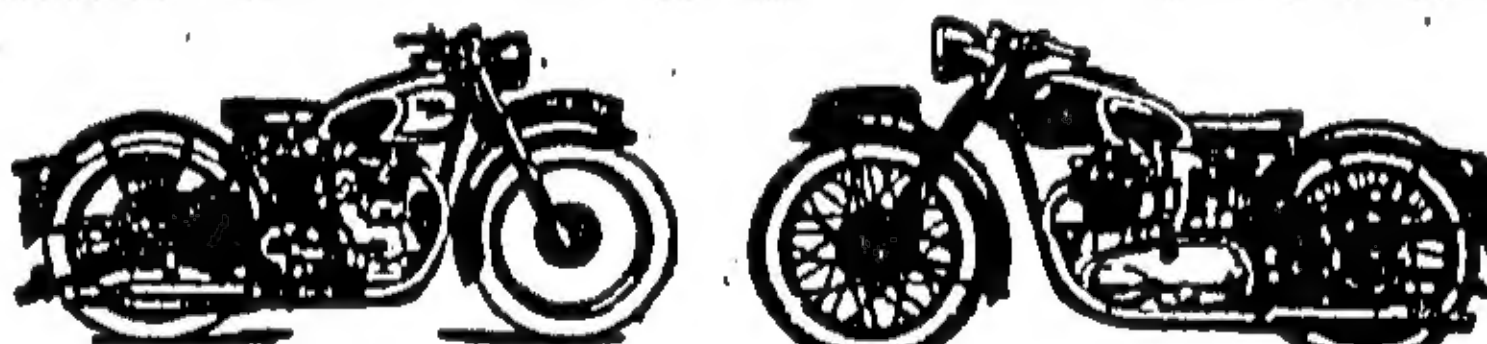
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"Impossible To Prevent Occupation"

Ukraine Delegate's Attack On British Policy

Lake Success, May 20.

It was considered impossible to prevent Arab forces from occupying the entire Arab zone of Palestine, the United Nations truce commission, in a cable read to the Security Council here, said today.

Only the strongest diplomatic and military action could prevent the Arabs from seizing parts of the Jewish zone as well. M. Vassily Tarasenko, of the Ukraine, said Britain was responsible, "both morally and juridically," for the operations of the Transjordan forces.

It was strange that in the Security Council Sir Alexander Cadogan should discuss means of ending the trouble in Palestine on the one hand, while, "on the other hand, the British Government is doing everything possible to help one side in the hostilities," he said.

M. Tarasenko said Britain had obviously merely changed methods to maintain its hold on Palestine. "Whether you call it a mandate or any other name, the British influence remains," he said. The Arab Higher Committee's representative declared that the Arabs in Palestine, "the overwhelming majority of the country's inhabitants," had been forced by the Zionists to call for help from surrounding Arab States "in the interests of peace and order."

Abdullah's Stand

The truce commission's cable, received by the Council earlier, was sent by its chairman, M. Jean Nicuwhuys (Belgium). He said: "I called upon King Abdullah on Monday morning in Amman. I spoke to the King about the Security Council's concern over the advance of his troops in Palestine."

"The King answered with a tirade against the Jews, without giving any assurance that the military operations would be stopped."

"As far as the whole of Palestine is concerned, we believe it impossible to prevent the complete occupation of the Arab zone by the Arab States. In order to prevent or limit the attacks on the Jewish area, the only practical way seems to be a strong diplomatic or military pressure on the Arab States. As far as Jerusalem is concerned, the King stated that he was ready to abstain from intervention if the Jews ceased all attacks against the Arabs."

Futile Efforts

The text then described the futile negotiation efforts. "During our journey to Amman and even in the old city, we were told that the Jews would only surrender to the Arab Legion, as it was a regular army which they might expect to have respect for the Geneva Conventions on prisoners of war. Perhaps this was the pretext for the Arabs inducing the Legion to enter the old city yesterday afternoon."

"A bitter battle is being waged inside the old city. The Arabs are continuing their attacks on Jews sheltering in a synagogue, whom reinforcements from almost the entirely Jewish controlled new city are endeavouring to reach."

"We have heard that as many as 300 combatants and 1,200 non-combatants are besieged in the Synagogue. The situation of the Jews in the rest of the city who are deprived of water, electricity and provisions is extremely difficult and precarious."

Nicuwhuys said that Asenrate, in his talk with King Abdullah, raised the question of the water which comes from springs outside the city, now under Arab control, "but met with a categorical refusal. The military situation in Jerusalem is fluctuating, so that it is difficult to make predictions. I summarise the situation as follows—the only way to stop the bloodshed would be to bring strong pressure to bear on all parties concerned."

Path To Coercion

General Andrew McNaughton (Canada) supported the British resolution which called for a cease fire in Palestine, but omitted the American resolution's reference to a "breach of the peace"—under Article 39 of the United Nations Charter.

He said no one contested that there was a breach of peace in Palestine, but if the Council approved the American resolution, it would be launched "before deciding on such a measure," he said, "the Big Five members of the Council should hold private discussions to discuss how far they are willing or able to take such measures." Later, Parla Bey Al Khoury (Syria) said that in the India-Pakistan case, the Security Council

did not consider there was any threat to peace—despite thousands of casualties. Then how, he asked, could the Council find there was a threat to peace when the reality of the inhabitants of Palestine had appealed for help from their neighbours to suppress a rebellion?

The Real Problem

M. Alexandre Parodi (France) said that the Council began a discussion on the juridical aspects of Palestine, there were chances that it would never get out of it. The problem, he said, was one of peace and war, and should be treated apart from either the question of Palestine's local status or the question of whether or not the original partition resolution was still in force.

M. Parodi agreed with the Belgian delegate that the Council would face a grave responsibility if it attempted to impose economic or military sanctions, but he also thought the Council could not avoid its duty of dealing with breaches of the peace. He would, therefore, vote for the American resolution.—Reuter.

Arms Charge In Manila

Manila, May 21.

A Chinese merchant, Tan Li-po, has been indicted on charges of illegal possession of more than US\$1,000,000 worth of weapons and ammunition.

The complaint said that the contraband included sub-machineguns, Garand rifles, Browning automatic rifles and grenade launchers.—United Press.

Finland Crisis

Helsinki, May 21.

Parliament today passed a vote of censure against the Communist Minister of the Interior, Yrjö Leno.

The Finnish constitution requires that a Cabinet member receiving such a vote of non-confidence must resign.

Grounds for censure were that Leno extradited ten Finns and ten foreigners from Russia without Cabinet sanction. Observers feared the country would be plunged into a serious crisis as a result of the vote.

There were reports that Premier Mauno Pekkala would resign.—United Press.

Kind Words From Washington To Chiang Kai-Shek

Washington, May 20.

The United States "looks forward to the success of China's newly elected leaders in promoting economic recovery and stability in the country," a State Department statement said today.

Speeding Up China Exports

Shanghai, May 21. Mr. Neil Walker, China Manager of the Philippines Airlines, and General Claire Chennault and Mr. Whiting Willauer, of the Civil Air Transport, today jointly announced the signing of a reciprocal agreement, designed to facilitate Chinese exports, thereby providing China with increased foreign exchange and faster service to foreign markets for exportable items.

The new arrangement, providing for prompt transshipment to Shanghai of export goods flown out of the interior by CAT, is expected to prove to be of substantial assistance to the Chinese business community, it is pointed out.

It is revealed that the CAT last year flew more than US\$8,000,000 worth of goods and materials, destined for export, from interior points to Shanghai and in only the first quarter of this year exceeded considerably the figure for all of last year.

Under the new agreement, Philippine Airlines offices abroad are to cooperate in speeding the delivery of China export cargoes.—Reuter.

Jet Launch From Carrier

Washington, May 20. The longest range aircraft in the world has been successfully launched from an American aircraft carrier. The plane—the United States Navy's Neptune—was launched with jet-power assistance—from the 48,000-ton carrier Coral Sea off the Virginia Cape last month, according to a Navy official. This type of plane—a two-engine craft—set up a world distance record of 11,295 miles on a flight from Perth, Australia, to Columbus, Ohio, in 1946.—Reuter.

"The United States Government notes with pleasure the occasion of the inauguration of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as the first President of the Republic of China, and Marshal Li Tsung-jen as the first Vice-President under the new Constitution."

"The elections of these outstanding leaders of China by secret ballot in the National Assembly were an auspicious beginning for constitutional Government in China."

"The United States Government looks forward to the success of their joint efforts directed toward promoting economic recovery and stability in China and thus alleviating the hardships which the Chinese people are suffering."

The statement hoped that the American China aid programme will assist them in their efforts to this end.

Celebration In Bangkok

Bangkok, May 20. The Chinese community today celebrated the induction of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as China's first constitutional President.

The Chinese Embassy, banks, schools and business houses were closed—and the Chinese national flag hoisted on many rooftops. School children carrying flags paraded the streets cheering China's President.—Reuter.

Jap Labour Rebuffal

Tokyo, May 21.

Refuting recent charges by Mr. John R. Harold, the Acting Chief of General Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters Labour Branch, that the officers of the organisation were tools of the Communist Party, the Japanese National Congress of Industrial Unions (the nation's largest labour union with a membership of 1,800,000) issued a statement declaring "the Congress is operating democratically pursuant to decisions made by the convention."

"No matter what criticism is hurled at us, we will not budge from our stand that seeks to promote the interest of labour in accordance with the opinion of our members." In the statement, the Congress said they failed to understand the reasons for the American labour official's remark.—Reuter.

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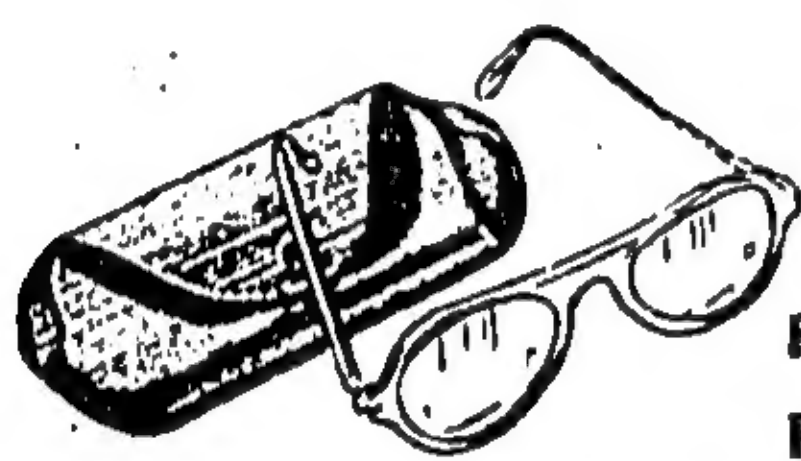
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BEVIN ON JAPANESE PEACE Wants Sign Of Sincerity From Russia Immediate Talks On Treaty

Scarborough, Yorkshire, May 20.
The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, today sug-
gested—as understood by his hearers—that
Russia, as a sign of her sincerity, should agree
to an immediate peace conference on Japan
with all the countries concerned, and not sim-
ply the Big Four.

The "Big Four" in this instance are Britain, the
United States, Russia and China.

Mr. Bevin's words, address-
ed to the Labour Party Con-
ference here, were: "One test
of sincerity is before us now—
that Russia, America and our-
selves agree to have a peace
conference with Japan right
away on the basis of the
14 or 15 countries that are
affected."

"Then I believe we can get
down to a settlement of the Far
East. That is a very important
thing now."

The "14 or 15 countries" are
assumed to include the 11
members of the Far Eastern
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Russia, in support of her view,
stated that the enlistment of
member states of the Commis-
sion in a consultative capacity,
and on committees, would "en-
sure in the necessary degree the
interests of those powers in the
periods preceding the Confer-
ence."

Australia, however, speaking
for the Commonwealth countries,
would accept nothing less than
an equal voice.

The Australian Government is
known to have been increasingly
perturbed in recent months by
the failure to make progress on
the Japanese treaty, on the
grounds that it "impeded"
any long-term plans for the Far
East.—Reuter.

Bizonia Currency Reform Measures

London, May 20.

Arrangements for currency
reform in the three Western
Zones of Germany have now
been completed except for a
decision on one vital point at
issue, it is learned.

The only question which re-
mains to be decided among the
zonal authorities in Western
Germany is whether a currency
reform is to be extended to the
British, French and United States
sectors of Berlin or whether it
will be limited to the Occupation
zones.

According to a usually reliable
source, the plan for currency re-
form is unlikely to be put into
effect before mid-summer, though
it may be set in motion before
the creation of a West German
Constitutional Assembly for the
three zones planned by the six-
power London Conference on
Germany for September 1.—
Reuter.

British Warning On Haifa

Haifa, May 20.

General G.H.A. MacMillan,
British Commander-in-Chief,
today gave implicit warning to
the Lebanese not to carry any
invasion to Haifa at the pre-
sent time.

"I will use all forces at my
command to repel any attack
from any quarter on Haifa as
long as British troops remain
here," he said. "We will cer-
tainly not tolerate any such non-
sense as is going on in Jerusalem."
He said final evacuation would
be completed "comfortably within
schedule."

The schedule has August 1 for
its deadline, but one of General
MacMillan's staff officers said the
last British troops would be gone
long before then.—United Press.

Stassen And Dewey In Oregon Clash

Portland, Oregon, May 20.

A record Republican vote is in prospect for Friday's
primary election in which Governor Thomas E.
Dewey and Harold E. Stassen are staking much
on their hopes for the US Presidency.

A good 65 to 70 per cent of
Oregon's all time high 322,400
registered Republican voters
are expected to ballot, and
election interest reached an
unprecedented pitch today in
the closing hours of the slam
bang primary campaign.

Political forecasters were find-
ing little worthwhile grounds
for predicting the outcome.

In most quietest quarters,
the Dewey-Stassen tussle for
Oregon's Republican Presiden-
tial preference and its 12 Re-
publican convention votes was
being fought out.

Flood Area Spreading In East River

Canton, May 21.

Further reports of floods in outlying areas have reached
Canton in the past two days.

One report says that that over 1,000 acres of paddy field
are inundated.

Reports from Walchow, about mid-way between Canton
and Hong Kong, say that many places on the upper reaches of
the East River are flooded, with people fleeing from the af-
fected areas.

The highway between Walchow and Ping Yuen is report-
ed closed to traffic.—Reuter.

Americans Forced Off Ship

Haifa, May 20.

Gun-wielding Lebanese police forced 41 Americans
and 28 other passengers off the American ship
"Marino Corp" in Beirut harbour yesterday, in
a hunt for volunteer Jewish soldiers, the ves-
sel's crew members said today.

The ship's officers and the American Consulate
clamped a blackout on official news of the in-
cident while an inquiry was held.

Crew members said that
some of those who were shoved
off the ship tried to fight back
and the Lebanese police drew
their guns to cow them.

They said that Lebanese police
came aboard in the early after-
noon after the ship had arrived
to examine passports and per-
sonal luggage. They turned up
two or three pistols.

The police then left and came
back in greater numbers a few
hours later. Moving through
the entire ship, they ordered
the passengers to open their
baggage within "two or three
minutes" and those who failed
had their baggage smashed
open with axes.

The police then used the ship's
loudspeaker to summon all pas-
sengers. Young men whose pas-
sports showed their destination as
Palestine were ordered to one
side. This group was then or-
dered to collect their belongings
and go ashore.

Crew members said that the
police ignored the loud protests
from Captain H. E. Snow of New
York, and other officers.

The ship which entered Haifa
harbour this morning was now
the centre of controversy. The
Jewish authorities insisted it be
allowed to proceed to Tel-Aviv
without unloading thus coming
under the Jewish jurisdiction.
Presumably the Arab passengers
aboard who were bound for
Alexandria would be taken off
there in retaliation.

There were several hundred
other passengers aboard for
Palestine, many older men, wo-
men and children.

Several sources said that the
baggage confiscated by the Le-
banese were several shortwave
transmitters and receivers.—
United Press.

Protest?

Washington, May 20.

The U.S. State Department an-
nounced today that the removal
on Wednesday of 61 Palestine-
bound Jews from an American
vessel at Beirut harbour was
carried out despite objections
from Lowell Pinkerton, the U.S.
Minister in Beirut.

Officials said additional in-
formation was awaited before a
decision is made on a formal
protest to Lebanon.—Associated
Press.

70,000 Workers Strike In Kassel

Kassel, May 20.

More than 70,000 workers
stayed away from their jobs
and production was halted in
the locomotive and heavy
machinery plants north of Kas-
sel in the food strike which
began here today.

Trains were running as rail-
way workers did not take part
in the stoppage, which also did
not affect food shops or hos-
pitals.

In a mass demonstration in
the centre of Kassel, 10,000 of
the strikers gathered together.
Trade union leaders appealed
for support for a resolution de-
manding the dismissal of in-
competent food officials, irrespec-
tive of their party affiliations.

The resolution demanded ex-
tra rations for office workers
to bring them level with those
of industrial workers and the
end of extra rations for
displaced persons, who often
get more food than German
citizens.

Although today's demonstra-
tion was due to end at mid-
night, union leaders threatened
to call a general strike if the
food situation did not improve.
About 4,000 factory and office
workers are on strike in the
Mainz region as a protest against
the food and clothing shortages.
—Reuter.

"No Reply" British Policy On Israel

London, May 20.

Britain will not reply to the
communication received last
Saturday from Mr. Moshe
Shertok, the Foreign Minister
of the new State of Israel, in
which he appealed for British
recognition, a Foreign Office
spokesman stated today.

This decision is understood to
be in accordance with normal
diplomatic practice.

A reply stating that the re-
quest is under consideration
would, in these circumstances,
imply a de facto recognition
that Mr. Shertok is Foreign
Minister of the Jewish State.

The Foreign Office spokesman
also stated that Britain will
support the candidature of M.
Paul Van Zeeland, former Premier
of Belgium, for the post of United
Nations mediator in Palestine.

The British support, it is un-
derstood, depends on M. Van
Zeeland's acceptability to both
Jews and Arabs—and on his
own willingness to accept the
post.—Reuter.

PRAGUE ARRESTS

Prague, May 20.

The Czechoslovak Government
announced tonight that police
had arrested a number of per-
sons, charged with aiding the
escape of the eight Czechoslovak
airmen who arrived in Britain
yesterday.

Czechoslovakia is negotiating
for the return of the aircraft,
the announcement stated, adding
that it was stolen from an air-
field in the southern part of the
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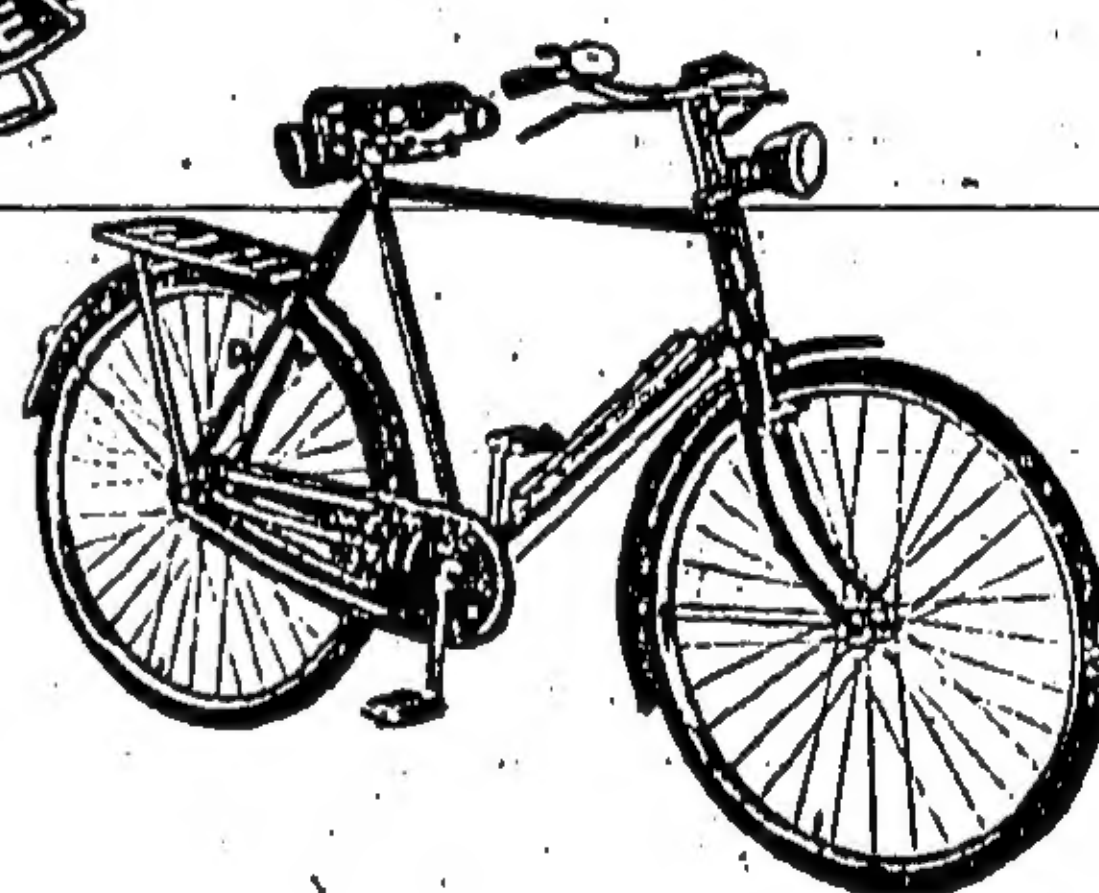
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DEADLOCK CONTINUES
IN INDONESIA TALKSChennault
Denial
Of Press
Reports

Shanghai, May 21.
Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault dispelled all possibility of his forming another Flying Tigers air force by stating yesterday he did "not believe the Chinese want or will accept any foreign participation in their present struggle against the forces of Communism."

General Chennault's statement was made in connection with a "China Press" report of May 19th, which quoted information from sources close to the general, but not from Chennault himself.

The general stressed in his recommendations before the House Foreign Affairs Committee in Washington an expansion of the American Advisory Group in China, high-calibre American military training of Chinese forces, and American Government financing of Nationalist efforts in the current civil war.

He underlined the fact that he proposed American military aid to China in the form of a joint Sino-American project.

I did not propose myself, or even hint I was anything other than 'retired,' which presently appears after my title of 'major general of the United States Army,' he added.—Reuter.

Two Main Issues
Still Unsolved

Batavia, May 20.

The Security Council's "good offices" committee is still willing to help in the solution of the Dutch-Indonesian problem, a spokesman said tonight after the current series of talks between representatives of both countries had ended today without agreement on any major issue.

The committee was considering submitting informal suggestions to the Dutch and the Indonesian Republicans for a workable understanding, the spokesman said.

The two main issues still unsolved were the proposed plebiscite for Indonesia's disputed areas and the question of a Netherlands-Indonesian Union. The suggestions, he added, might be submitted to both parties on the plebiscite, on the delineation of states, and the constituent assembly that is to work out the constitution of the proposed United States of Indonesia.

The negotiations will continue next week in Jogjakarta, the Republican capital. A Republican spokesman said his delegation expected "the crucial stage" in the talks to be reached in two or three weeks.

Other reliable observers said the dispute might then be taken to the Security Council.

The negotiators' steering committee will meet tomorrow to decide what can be done to bring the parties closer together during next week's talks.

Progress Made

The United Nations spokesman said the four main committees

formed by the good offices committee to conduct negotiations had been making progress during the last two months and had now more or less completed surveying the ground to be covered in the political agreement.

An understanding had been reached on many points, including the outlines for the constitutional organization of future United States of Indonesia, the release of prisoners of war and of political prisoners and the question relating to economy and trade.

But because the work of these committees was interrelated, much of it was affected by the difficulties still hindering an agreement on certain political questions.—Reuter.

BURMA DISPUTE

Rangoon, May 20.

The Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League has set up a special committee to try to solve the Government's dispute with the Communists.

The committee is making efforts over the radio and other ways to get in touch with Thakin Than Tun, Secretary-General of the Communist Party in Burma (reported to be hiding in Central Burma), in order to start negotiations.—Reuter.

Koreans
Learning
Meaning Of
Democracy

Seoul, Korea, May 20.

Since the establishment of the South Korean Interim Legislative Assembly 17 months ago, the people of the country had learned the meaning of democracy. Major-General William Dean, the American Military Governor of South Korea, speaking at the closing ceremony of the Assembly, said today.

The fact that over 90 per cent of the electors availed themselves of the privilege of the franchise in the recent elections was a victory for the Interim Assembly, he added.

During the simple ceremony, the gathering sang the National Anthem, bowed to the huge Korean flag above the dais, and stood briefly in meditation.

The newly elected Legislative Assembly is expected to be convened before the end of the month, probably on May 31.—Reuter.

Canton's
Tax On Cars

Canton, May 21.

Motor-car owners here will have to pay a special tax as from June.

This special levy will be collected quarterly by the Municipal Government, it is reported in the local press. The levy types of vehicles which will be exempted from paying this tax will be fire-engines, ambulances and buses. According to one report the tax schedule will be:

Private saloon cars CN\$800,000 public saloon cars CN\$900,000; private and public lorries CN\$1,800,000; motor cycles CN\$450,000 monthly.—Reuter.

American Mission
To China

Washington, May 20.

The Economic Cooperation Administration today named Charles L. Stillman, Vice-President and Treasurer of Time, Incorporated, to head a mission to China.

He will lead a group of 10,000,000 ECA China programme. Mr. Lapham is expected to leave for China about June 1. The Stillman group will not enter China with the idea of making decisions on just what projects will be developed and how the US\$500,000,000 will be spent. They will gather data to enable the ECA Administrator to make decisions. The mission plans to remain in China three months, and is expected to consult Americans and Chinese.

This is in line with suggestions from the American Chamber of Commerce of Shanghai that American business, missionary and other groups in China who feel themselves acquainted with Chinese problems should be given an opportunity to consult with the heads of the ECA programme in China. Meanwhile, the commodities portion of the China programme, totalling upwards of US\$275,000,000, is rapidly progressing.—Associated Press.

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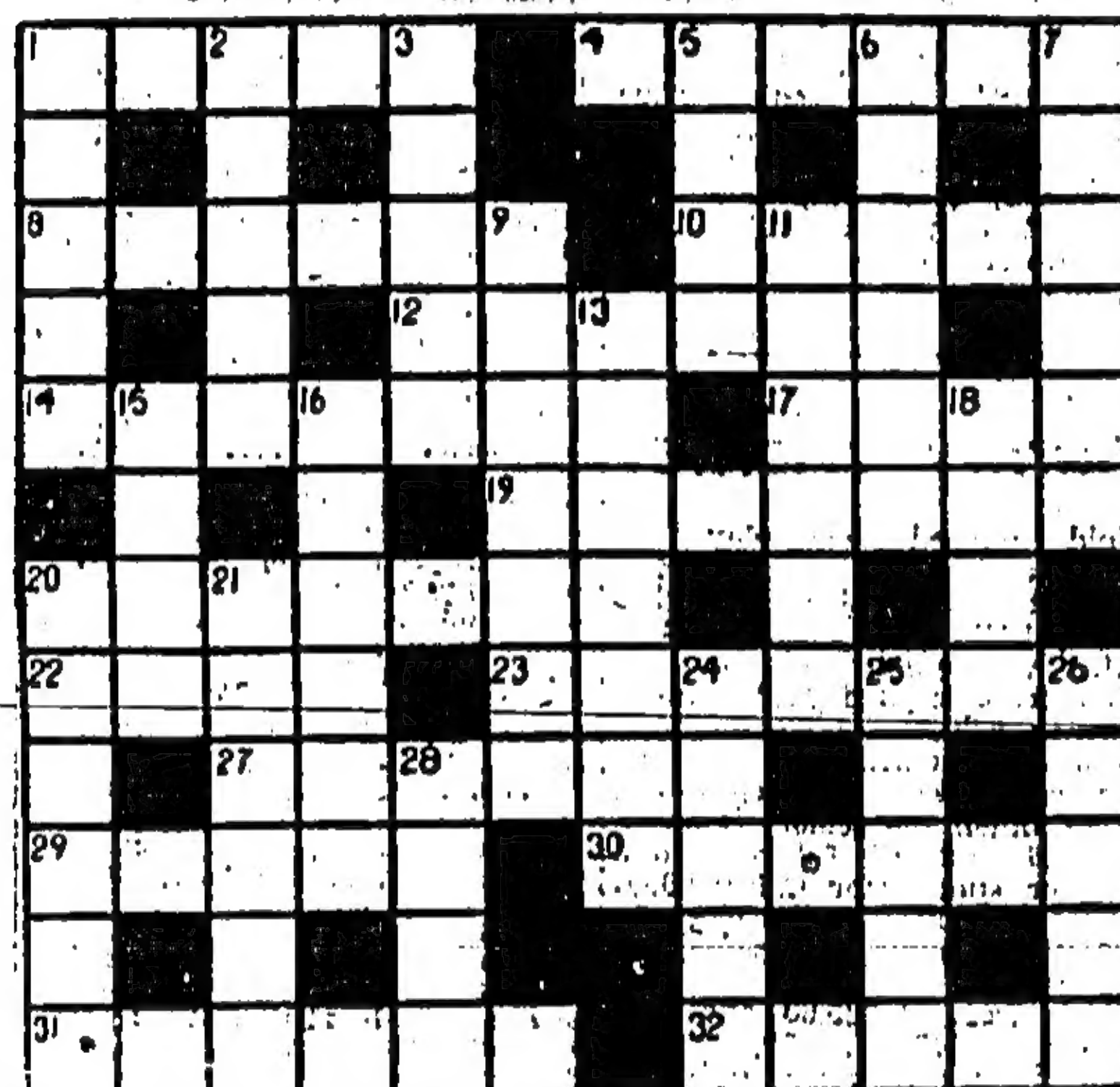
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Clues Across

1. Move to and fro.
4. Forms.
8. Frolicked.
10. Mournful tune.
12. Matures.
14. One guilty of treason.
17. Implement.
19. Joins.
20. Determines.
22. Entreaty.
23. Sitting.
27. Stress.
29. Lineage.
30. Special aptitude.
31. Circulates.
32. Trench.

Clues Down

1. Walk pompously.
2. Dance.
3. Bring to bear.
5. Coaxal.
6. Clergyman.
7. Purloins.
9. See.
11. Burial.
13. Gift.
15. Stagger.
16. Complete.
18. Perfume.
20. Coins.
21. Vexed.
24. Unemotional.
25. Lifeless.
26. Nick.
28. Yield.
29. Gang.
27. Dilating.
- Down:—1. Chop, 2. Dado, 4. Tier, 5. Mood, 6. Exalt, 7. Emend, 9. Dupes, 10. Sever, 12. Roost, 14. Upset, 16. Tutor, 17. Spurs, 19. Stud, 15. Completes, 18. Surprise, 19. Stir, 21. Corrects, 25. Implores, 26. Rein, 23. Cram, 24. Sign.

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SUSPENSION OF PERMITS

Argentine Move To Save U.S. Dollars

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

The short week has, in the main, been almost active, though fluctuations have been irregular. The market is easily influenced by sentiment and little is needed to sway it one way or the other. For the time being, however, the market has been influenced by the fact that the Chinese Government has decided to suspend the exchange permits, according to well informed quarters here today.

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Certain Imports To Cease

Buenos Aires, May 20.
Imports from the United States, Switzerland, Portugal, Sweden, Uruguay and Brazil—all "difficult currency" areas—will cease, apart from essential items such as fuels, as a result of Argentina's suspension of exchange permits, according to well informed quarters here today.

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London Stock Exchange

London, May 20.
Today's stock markets closed under the steam generated yesterday. Price movements showed little decided tendency although some sections were not without features.

South American utilities continued to attract speculative buyers. Electric de Buenos Aires, Port of Para and Manaus transacted all recorded improvements.

The terms of the Anglo-Brazilian financial agreement, which are expected soon, will show whether this speculative attention was justified.

Among industrials, Dunlop Rubber lost 1/4 at 78 1/2, following the maintenance of the dividend distribution at 18 1/2, other issues of this section inclined slightly lower.

Among mines, Ashanti goldfields were outstanding at 5 1/2 on news of very good developments. These follow the strike made in the earlier part of this month.

South African dividend payers moved higher on the day after an initial period of idleness.

SECURITIES:
British Consols, 2 1/2 1/2, 77 1/2
Conversion Loan, 3 1/2 1/2, 106 1/2
Funding Loan, 4 1/2, 109 1/2
War Loan, 3 1/2 1/2, 102 1/2
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Victory Bonds, 4 1/2, 114 1/2
British Transport, 5 1/2, 99 1/2
INDUSTRIALS:
Portland Cement, 7 1/2
British American Tobacco, 5 1/2 1/2
British Celanese, 23 1/2
Burmah Oil, 24 1/2
Distillers Co., 26 1/2
Ford Motor Co., 5 1/2 1/2
Imperial Chemicals, 49 1/2
Imperial Tobacco, 48 1/2
Indian Iron & Steel Co., 40 1/2
Lever Brothers, 51 1/2
Marks & Spencer, 51 1/2
Pinchard Johnson, 57 1/2
Standard Motors, 20 1/2
Vickers Ltd., 20 1/2
MINES:
Durness Corp., 9 1/2
Crown Mines, 7 1/2
Rand Mines, 14 1/2
Spring Mines, 8 1/2
Sub Nigel, 4 1/2 1/2
Tanner Tin Co., 27 1/2
Union Corporation, 27 1/2
OIL SHARES:
Attack Oil, 28 1/2
Burmah Oil Co., 68 1/2
Gulf Oil, 125 1/2
GULF OIL:
Funding Loan, 3 1/2, 101 1/2
National War Bonds, 2 1/2 1/2
1945/46, 101 1/2
1946/47, 102 1/2
1947/48, 102 1/2
1948/49, 102 1/2
Savings Bonds, 5 1/2
1945/46, 102 1/2
1946/47, 101
1947/48, 100
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Exchange Bonds, 1 1/2, 1960, 100-31/32
Redemption Stock, 3 1/2, 1989/90, 96 1/2
BANKS:
Chartered Bank of I.A. & C., 12 1/2
H.K. & S'hai Banking Corp., 12 1/2
Mercantile Bank of India "A", 28
CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS:
Hanks Loan, 5 1/2, 101 1/2
Crisp Loan, 5 1/2, 101 1/2
Kowloon Canton Railway, 5 1/2, 14
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One "dirhem" equals 1/10th of an ounce.

Gold opened yesterday at \$323.25 and closed at \$319.87 1/2 a tael, with fluctuations ranging from \$319.75 to \$323.50. The market was quiet.

Deliveries totalled 12,200 taels, of which 6,200 taels were official and 6,000 unofficial. Chinese National Currency slid further down the scale. It opened at 4.9 cents for futures and 5 cents for spot (for CN\$10,000). Futures improved at the close to 5.025 cents, but spot dropped to 4.975 cents.

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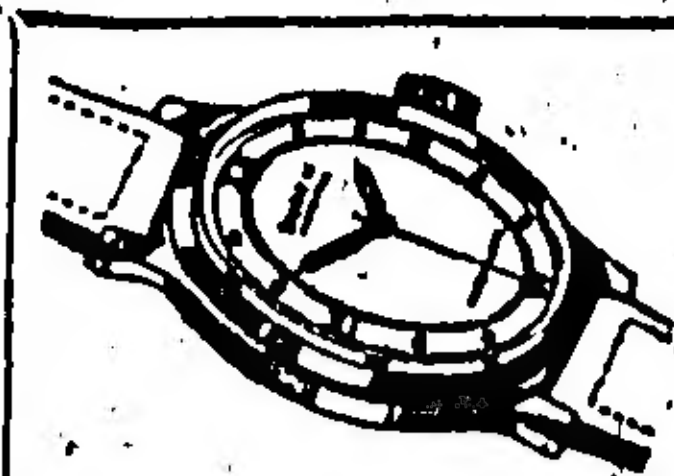
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WHO WILL TAKE KRAMER'S PLACE?

London, May 21.
With the lawn tennis season under way, British enthusiasts are speculating as to who will be the next Wimbledon champion now that Jack Kramer, the American holder, has turned professional.

It is very hard to pick the new champion with so many excellent players likely to compete, but many consider the chances of Eric Sturgess, the South African champion, to be very bright.

Sturgess has developed a new style of game and since arriving in England this season has shown he still has all the strokes, his speeded up his game a great deal and is more aggressive. He comes to the net more frequently and his volleying, which was one of

Colonial Sociology Courses

The Secretary of State for the Colonies has announced a number of postgraduate student places for a period of six months in preparation for field research in one of the social sciences in the Colonial Empire. The purpose of these students is to provide potential research workers with an opportunity to study the sociological background of modern colonial problems and techniques essential for modern field studies. It would be a condition of the award that the student undertake, if so required, to carry out research in the field under a further grant from the Secretary of State for a period of not less than two years after the completion of training.

The students will carry a personal allowance appropriate to the qualifications of the holders. Fees will be paid and a grant made towards the purchase of recommended books. Applications and particulars of qualifications, which should include a good degree should be sent together with the names of two referees who can speak from personal knowledge of the ability of the candidate to the Director of Education, Education Office, Windsor House, 3rd Floor, Hong Kong, not later than June 7.

Largest Textile Exporter

New York, May 21.
The United States seems assured of remaining the world's largest cotton textile exporter at least for the next ten years, despite increasing international competition, says John W. Murray, secretary-treasurer of the Textile Export Association. He predicted Britain would be second and Japan third. Murray said staying on top will not be easy. The U.S. will meet competition from partial revival of the once-dominant Japanese industry and expansion of Western European textile production with American aid under the Marshall Plan. Textile exports by Eastern Europe has curtailed the market. Murray said, "It is our belief that suppliers of textiles to world markets in the next decade or longer will rank as follows: United States, United Kingdom, Japan, India, Italy, Brazil, Canada, France and Benelux." Associated Press.

Women In Regular Army

Washington, May 21.
Women would be permitted to join the regular army, navy, air force and marine corps under a bill approved on Wednesday by the Joint Senate-House Conference Committee. It would limit the number of women in each of the services to two per cent of the officers and enlisted strength. As of now it would give the services the following number of women: army, 400 officers and 10,000 enlisted; navy, 1,000 officers and 10,000 enlisted; air force, 400 officers and 8,000 enlisted; marine corps, 100 officers and 2,000 enlisted. The present law provides that women may be brought into the armed forces only on a reserve basis. Associated Press.

Tokyo, May 21.

The Foreign Trade and Commerce Division of General MacArthur's Headquarters announced yesterday that it had approved a 10 per cent price reduction of Japanese filament rayon and stable fibre yarn. Associated Press.

Soviet Plane Forced Down

Seoul, May 21.
The American Army said today that a Soviet Yak-9 airplane which had been forced landing in American-occupied territory had been destroyed by the pilot when he found that he was outside Communist territory.

The plane, bearing the number 84, was forced down near Taejon by lack of fuel on Wednesday.

The Army announcement said that the pilot had been seized by South Koreans by the time American troops arrived at the scene. He was taken in charge by the Americans and although he refused to eat, wash or shave, he carried no identification papers. The flyer gave his name as Ivan Fedorovich Osmakov and said he was a Captain in the Red Air Force.

He related he became lost and landed himself finally over an airfield with American vehicles nearby, which he believed was the Ongjin Peninsula airstrip. He then flew north until he exhausted his fuel. He either missed or overshoot the Taejon airfield. Another Soviet Yak-9 was reported over Taejon shortly after the burned craft had crashed, but apparently returned to North Korea.

Osmakov will be returned to Soviet authorities. Associated Press.

Elizabeth Criticism "All Bosh"

Hastings, May 21.
Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, whose Sunday visit to a French horse race during their visit to Paris recently was the subject of adverse comment, got a defendant yesterday in the Archbishop of Lewes court when all the criticism was "bosh."

Archdeacon J. H. L. Morrell described as "muddle-headed thinking about moral law" the resolution adopted by the Church of Scotland condemning the Royal couple's programme which included "racing, theatre and night club dancing on the Lord's Day." "God's views are openly trampled underfoot today and the ordinary run of the Christian fold have sunk into a state of extraordinary apathy and suspense about it," the Archdeacon told the Chichester Diocesan Association. United Press.

London, May 20.

A 14-year-old Coventry school boy was fined 15 shillings today for finding a needle and having it, having a tooth filled.

He took part of the school dentist's equipment, including an important piece of the drill, and threw it into a pond. Associated Press.

Tourists Give Oxford A Lesson

Oxford, May 20.

The Australian touring cricketers were well on the road to another victory today when at Oxford they forced the University to follow on and at the close of play Oxford still needed 192 runs to save the innings' defeat, with only six wickets to fall.

Replying to Australia's first innings of 431, Oxford were all out for 135 and had lost four second innings wickets for 54 when stumps were drawn on the second day.

Kneighley and Kardar engaged in a partnership of 75 before Ring went on with the total at 94 and his first ball dismissed Kneighley, who lifted a drive to extra cover. Van Rynveld, the South African, opened shakily, but soon settled down. The Australians made Kardar fight for his 50th run, which he obtained with a push to mid-off. He appeared to lose patience just afterwards and, jumping out to drive, lifted a catch to extra cover, making half the side out for 120. Kardar battled ten minutes short of two hours.

Apart from Van Rynveld, run out when 82, no other batsman offered much opposition before Kardar, who had lost eight wickets for 107.

The University's fall did not save the debacle and the side were all out for 135, which meant that they followed on with arrears of 240.

In Trouble Again

They were soon in trouble again against the bowling of Johnston and McCool and lost their first three wickets for 33. Johnston seldom sent down a loose ball and when Pawson and Kardar were batting, there were seven fielders within four yards

of the bat. Both batsmen exercised great caution until Pawson turned a good length delivery into short leg's hands. Kardar remained firm and will be there tomorrow morning when Oxford will still need 192 to save the innings' defeat. The scoreboard on the second day read: AUSTRALIANS: 1st innings: 431. OXFORD: 1st INNINGS: Kneighley, c Loxton, b Ring 36; Webb, c Sagers, b Johnston 3; Pawson, b Johnston 10; Kardar, c Hamence, b McCool 54; Van Rynveld, run out 82; Travers, c McCool, b Toshack 28; Whitecombe, run out 28; Mallett, b Toshack 0; Toshack, c Hamence, b Johnston 3; Davidson not out 19. Extras 10. Total 135. Bowling: Johnston 2/40, Ring 1/30, Toshack 3/34, McCool 1/30. 2ND INNINGS: Kneighley b, b McCool 0; Bloy, c Johnston 15; Webb, c Brown, b Johnston 3; Pawson, b McCool 15; Kardar, not out 10; Van Rynveld not out 10. Extras 3. Total (for 4) 84. —Router.

HK Dollar Speculation "Death Blow"

Canton, May 21.

Negotiations for the implementation of the Sino-British Finance Agreement have begun between Mr. Yu Ying-chin, Manager of the Hong Kong Branch of the Central Bank of China, (representing the Chinese Government) and the Hong Kong authorities, according to the Yuet Wah Pao.

The paper quotes the Director of the Kwangtung Finance Control Bureau as stating that once the pact becomes effective, a "death blow" will be dealt to speculation in Hong Kong dollars here. —Router.

Goddard Takes Three For 24

London, May 20.

Tom Goddard, Gloucestershire's right arm spin bowler, showed last summer's devastating form against Sussex on the much discussed Bristol wicket today, taking three wickets for 24 during the day to bring his analysis for the first innings to five for 40. It was mainly by his efforts that Gloucester gained a first innings' lead, and he had early success when Sussex went in again after dismissing Gloucester for 225.

With Norman Yardley, probable England captain, out for a duck in his first county innings of the season, and other batsmen failing, half the Yorkshire side were splendidly served by Tompkin, who made 60 not out in two and three-quarter hours, and Coxon, 24, however, paved the way for them to take first innings' lead.

After Leicestershire, fighting back against a big Surrey total, had started disastrously with Alec Bedser claiming two of their wickets for no runs in his first eight balls, they were splendidly served by Tompkin, who in scoring 162 made his first century of the season. In spite of this, however, they had to follow on. Middlesex almost forced an innings' win against Somerset, who followed on 264 behind, but the ends were held out in spite of the extra half hour, and Somerset finished the day 13 runs ahead with one wicket in hand.

Other Games

The close of play scores were: At Cambridge: Northamptonshire 383 for 9 declared (Broderick 55); Cambridge University 318 for 5 (Doggart 115, Insole 72 not out). At Manchester: Glamorgan 193 and 168 for 3 (Davies 99 not out); Lancashire 231 (Roberts 51, Ikin 97). At Lords: Middlesex 478 for 2; Somerset 194 (Mitchell-Innes 65, Gray 4 for 27) and 297 for 9 (Hill 69, Topley 59). At Southend: Nottinghamshire 371 and 167 for 5; Essex 261 (Avery 77, Jepson 6 for 59). At Birmingham: Warwickshire 184 and 212 for 8 (Taylor 81 not out); Yorkshire 210 (Watson 50 not out, Hollies 51 for 54). At Bristol: Gloucestershire 224 and 225 (Wilson 52); Sussex 153 (Goddard 5 for 40) and 105 for 3. At Portsmouth: Derbyshire 445 for 6 declared and 17 for no wicket; Hampshire 312 (Dawson 110, McCorkell 73). At Leicester: Surrey 409 for 6 declared; Leicestershire 283 (Tompkin 152) and 145 for 4 (Jackson 53 not out). At Worcester: Worcestershire 247 and 126 for no wicket (Whitling 85 not out); R.A.F. 272 (Roberts 59, Lumden 71, Jenkins 7 for 84). —Router.

Wore Night Gown To Opera

London, May 21.
Reporter Joan Reader wrote in the Daily Mirror today she wore her night gown to the Paris Opera and that Princess Elizabeth and the other customers never knew the difference. Joan, aged 25, was sent to Paris on short notice last week to report the visit of Elizabeth and Prince Philip. She got an unexpected invitation to the opera, but had no evening gown.

She wore instead a pink and black night gown with a bare midriff. It being Paris, no one noticed, she wrote.

"There were new looks everywhere but the looks I got were the most old-fashioned in the world," she commented. Associated Press.

RALLY POSTPONED

Shanghai, May 21.
The student rally originally scheduled at the National Chiao Tung University campus last night to mark the first anniversary of the Anti-Civil War Movement, was postponed at the last minute to Saturday afternoon.

The meeting, in which some 20,000 students are to take part, will discuss the case of six Chiao Tung University graduates who were recently arrested by Security Police.

The university students have been on strike for the past two days in protest against the arrests. —Router.

Invitation To King Of Siam

Bangkok, May 21.

The Siam Cabinet today invited King Phumiphon Aduldej, a student in Switzerland, to return and be crowned Monarch on December 5.

December 5 is the King's birthday. Last year he was 20, Siam's legal maturity age. Prince Dhani Niwat, a member of the Regency Council, will bear the formal invitation to the King. Prince Dhani also will urge the King to pay State visits to England and probably the United States before returning to Siam.

If the King accepts the coronation plan, the Government here will advance the cremation date of the late King Ananda Mahidol which has been set for next February.

The Government in the meantime has ordered police to push the investigation into the late King's mysterious death two years ago. —Associated Press.

Kissing Scenes "Bad"

Tokyo, May 21.

The Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Committee of Tokyo, which has been investigating the late King's mysterious death two years ago, has issued a warning against kissing scenes in their pictures. —United Press.

The Japanese authorities banned kissing scenes but the ban was lifted in the post-war influx of so-called democratic ideas. Not only was the cutting of such scenes from foreign pictures halted but Japanese producers have tried to outdo each other in including kissing scenes in their pictures. —United Press.

Directories To Be Sold

Tokyo, May 21.

For the first time since Alexander Graham Bell said "What hath God wrought?" telephone directories will be sold instead of distributed. The Allied Headquarters announced today that it has authorized the Japanese Ministry of Communications to print copies of the Occupation Forces' directory and sell them to foreign traders, commercial firms, Japanese Government agencies and others doing business with the Occupation authorities. The directories will be sold at the Central Telephone offices at a price to be determined by the Communications Ministry. —United Press.

TOKYO

POPULATION
Tokyo, May 21.
Post-war Tokyo ranks as the fourth largest city in the world, with a population of 4,995,000, according to a Government census taken in October, 1947.

New York is now the world's largest city, followed by London and Paris. Pre-war Tokyo ranked as the world's third, with a population of 7,000,000. Last year's census placed Japan's entire population at 78,637,000, of which 38,386,000 are men and 40,251,000 women. —Router.

BADMINTON CHAMPIONS TO GIVE EXHIBITIONS

China's Olympic Team

Shanghai, May 21.
Overseas Chinese from Malaya, Indonesia and the Philippines are included in China's Olympic team for the London Games. It was announced here today by the Chinese National Amateur Athletic Federation.

The team will be much smaller as compared to the Chinese delegation to Berlin, but much larger than the one-man team sent to Los Angeles. It includes: Track—Lau Wen-ngau, Shanghai; Chen Ying-lung, Taiwan; Huang Liang-chun, Malaya; Swimming—Wu Chuan-yu, Indonesia.

Basketball—Chen King-chi, Chen King-eh, Li Shih-chiao and Yu Ching, Philippines; Huang Tien-shih, Malaya; and five Shanghai players.

In addition there is the large soccer squad which is presently touring South East Asia. It is also presumed that Wang Cheng-lin, marathon runner now in the United States, will join the Chinese team in London.

Three of the track stars chosen are today holders of new Chinese national records established at the National Athletic Meet which closed last Sunday. Lau, a defender, is undisputed long-distance champion. Chen holds the 400-metre record at 50.9 seconds, although he has done 50.3, while Huang holds the national record for the 100-metre hurdles at 19 seconds flat.

The lone swimming representative holds the 100-metre freestyle record at one minute 3.3 seconds. —Router.

Frog Breaks Olympic Record

London, May 21.
The Times reported today that a frog named Heliotrope leaped off with the first place in a California jumping contest.

Today, The Times printed a letter to the editor from Charles Cornelius-Winegar in which he said the champion's prize was \$100. "For with his leap of 11 ft. 5 ins., Heliotrope has broken (by 1/8th of an inch) the Olympic record for a standing long jump set by Ray C. Ewry, American holder of eight Olympic titles." United Press.

Copenhagen, May 20.
A Copenhagen selected team beat Britain, the English League First Division club, by four goals to one here this evening. —Router.

Joe DiMaggio's Batting Spree

New York, May 20.

In the American League, outfielder Joe DiMaggio blasted out two homers, a triple, a double and a single and drove in six runs to lead the New York Yankees to a 13-2 triumph over last place Chicago.

Johnny Lindell also homered for the Yanks. Right fielder Taft Wright homered for the White Sox.

Detroit defeated Philadelphia 4-2 with 15 hits, including a homer by catcher Bob Swift. Center-fielder Sam Chapman homered for the Athletics.

The Boston at Cleveland and the Washington at Saint Louis games are tonight.

In the National League, the Cardinals, sparked by left fielder Stan Musial, who belted a homer, two doubles and a single, rolled to a 13-4 victory over Brooklyn to extend their winning streak to six straight. Del Rice drove in four runs with a pair of doubles. With Elmer Riddle limiting the Boston Braves to four hits and the Pittsburgh Pirates pounding three Boston pitchers for 17 hits, including two doubles and a home run by left fielder Ralph Kiner, Pittsburgh trounced the Boston team 13-0.

Cubs Win

The Chicago Cubs hammered three pitchers to win 5-3 over Philadelphia. Cub rookie shortstop Roy Smalley collected his first major league homer in the second inning. The Cubs hit safely in every inning to hand Russ Meyer his fourth pitching victory.

Howie Fox limited the New York Giants to six hits in winning his first game of the year for Cincinnati, who took a 6-1 victory. Fox's fifth inning single started the Reds on a two-run rally that brought their lone victory in the three game series.

The finest badminton players in the Far East arrived in Hong Kong yesterday afternoon, and the Hong Kong Badminton Association has made arrangements for them to give public exhibition matches on Sunday, at the Club de Recoile, starting at 8.30 p.m.

Although the public has been given short notice for these exhibition games, owing to the fact that the players only arrived yesterday and can only stay a few days, it is hoped that there will be a big attendance at the Club de Recoile on Sunday night. Admission will be \$2.40 per person, including tax.

One is Ooi Teck-hock, the present Malayan singles champion, another is Wong Peng-soon, who for eight years was Malaya singles champion and this year surrendered his title to Ooi. He is considered one of the classic badminton players ever to emerge in the Far East.

A third is Ong Poh-lim, who is a Singapore doubles champion, and a player who gave Wong Peng-soon a terrifically hard singles match in recent months.

Also in the Colony is another member of the Malayan representative team whom it is hoped will take part in Sunday's big exhibition match. Miss Cheung Koon-yoon, lady champion of Singapore.

Louis Says He Will Win

New York, May 21.

Heavyweight champion Joe Louis arrived from his Michigan camp to begin his final month of training for his second fight with Jersey Joe Walcott.

Looking much fitter than his recent pictures indicated, Louis grinned through a heavy growth of beard and predicted he would win the scheduled 15-round bout at Yankee Stadium on June 22 by a knockout.

The champion said he weighed 222 pounds, having shed 20 pounds in Michigan, and planned to take off seven more at Pompton Lakes, New Jersey, where he has scheduled 20 boxing sessions within the next month.

Trainer Manny Seaman, one of several in the party accompanying Louis, described Joe's mental attitude as "the best in years" and said his physical condition was better than for the first Walcott fight.

Louis went immediately to his favourite barber for a much-needed shave and planned to return to the Pompton Lakes training camp later. He expects to begin boxing sessions on Thursday. —Associated Press.

"Tried To Sell Secrets"

Prague, May 21.

The Supreme Military Court of Prague yesterday sentenced Lieutenant Colonel Diklic to death for attempting to sell military secrets to a Western power.

The sentence, however, was commuted to 25 years' hard labour because Diklic "partially confessed" and had been caught at the frontier before completing his attempted treason.

The official announcement said Diklic prepared a detailed list of all military installations in Czechoslovakia which he sewed into the lining of his coat.

The prosecution said he intended to sell the list to a Western power and hoped to be rewarded by permission to live in the United States where he has relatives. —United Press.

AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

London, May 21.

Entries for the British Amateur Golf championship at Sandwich from May 24 to 29 number 170. Seven Americans are to take part, including Willie Turnesa, holder, Dick Chapman, runner-up last year, and Frank Stranahan.

J. B. Carr and Cecil Ewing head the Irish challenge, but James Egan, winner in 1946, has not entered.

In view of the petrol restrictions, the number of entries is considered satisfactory. —Router.

FANLING STARTING TIMES

SUNDAY:
0.32-J.B. Kille-A. Todd
0.36-R.G. Buchan-J.M. Pattin-son.

0.44-M.B. Tighe-S.S. Gordon.
0.48-W. S. Vaughan-J. Mackie.
0.52-J.A.R. Selby-R.A. Miller.
0.55-J. Brantley-F. Venzel.

10.00-10.50-Army v. H.K.V.D.C.
Washington, May 21.
Admiral Walter S. Delany, commander of battleships and cruisers in the Pacific, will become Commander of the Third U.S. Naval District at New York. The Navy announced. No successor was announced. Associated Press.

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